**S.E. Hinton and *The Outsiders***

* Born Susan Eloise Hinton on July 22nd, 1948.
* American writer best known for her young adult novels set in Oklahoma.
* Her best known book is *The Outsiders*
* She wrote *The* Outsiders while still in her teens.
* Began writing it in 1965, and it was published in 1967.
* It is set in Oklahoma during the 1960s.
* It was about two rival gangs at her school (Greasers and Socs), and she wanted to show sympathy towards the greasers.
* The publishers suggested she use her initials instead of her given name, because first male reviewers would dismiss it because the author was female.
* After the success of the book, she chose to keep the initials to maintain a sense of privacy.
* She enjoys reading Jane Austen, Mary Renault, and F. Scott Fitzgerald.
* She also likes writing, taking classes at a local university, and horseback riding.
* She lives with her husband David Inhofe, who she married in 1970.  They met in a freshman biology class.
* August 1, 1983 – Had a son named Nicholas