



# THE OUTSIDERS: POETRY ANALYSIS OF "NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY"



Robert Frost's poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay" plays an important role throughout S.E. Hinton's novel *The Outsiders*. Read the poem below, and use the space provided to take notes about the poem. You might include notes about the meaning of words and phrases, the author's use of literary devices, the tone, or anything else that indicates a deeper meaning. Then, use the next page to illustrate and describe the literal and figurative meanings of the poem.

Nothing Gold Can Stay by Robert Frost	Notes
Nature's first green is gold,	
Her hardest hue to hold.	
Her early leaf's a flower;	
But only so an hour.	
Then leaf subsides to leaf.	
So Eden sank to grief,	
So dawn goes down to day.	
Nothing gold can stay.	

