



The Outsiders

CHAPTER QUESTIONS / ANSWERS



CHAPTER 1

Friends

1.

- Ponyboy: has long light brown hair that is close to a red color, Greenish-grey eyes, is 14 years old. He is the youngest of the gang. Ponyboy and the rest of the greasers usually stick together and help each other if one of them is in need of help.
- Darry (Darrel): Six-feet-two, dark-brown hair, a pale blue-green eye color almost like ice, muscular, broad-shouldered, 20 years old. He is rough although he doesn't mean to be.
- Sodapop (Soda): Handsome, Dark gold hair, Finely drawn with a sensitive face, in the summer his hair is like a wheat-gold, dark brown eyes, very understanding, he is 16 going on 17. He cares about people and is gentle with them hurt or not. Stands up for Pony. And he under stands everyone.
- Steve Randle: Tall, thick greasy hair combed back and curly , 17 years old, over confident, smart, lean and Soda's best friend since grade school. He works good with cars inf fact he knows them inside and out. He works very fast and quietly. Steve doesn't really like Pony he thinks that he is juts a kid that tags along with them.
- Keith (Two-Bit Mathews): Two-Bit is the oldest of the gang, he is about six feet tall, long rusty colored sideburns , stocky, gray eyes, always makes funny remarks to help save his life and just for the fun of it. Always talks can not get him to be quiet. The wisecracker of the group. He likes fights, blondes & school.
- Dallas Winston (Dally): a face that is shaped like an elf, high cheekbones, a pointy chin, light blond but its so light that it looks almost white, animal teeth, sharp teeth just like a animal, ears like a lynx, small, he hates hair cuts and hair oil, his hair is curled behind his ears, his eyes are blue and blazing like ice. He cares for the gang but he is always bitter at the world he has a huge record at the police station and went to jail for almost every thing.
- Johnny Cade (Johnnycake / Johnny): he is the second youngest of the group, smaller than the rest of the group, black eyes and a dark tanned face, he has long jet black hair that is heavily greased and combed to the side, he is has a nervous yet suspicious look in his eyes. He is the gangs pet.

CHAPTER 1



2. The Socs are the rich kids that live on the west side of the city who could get out of almost anything.

The greasers are the poor kids that live on the east side of the city. The greasers care for each other and if one was in trouble they would help their gang.

3. Ponyboy's brother Soda is kind to Ponyboy and understands him.

Ponyboy's oldest brother Darry gets mad at Pony when he doesn't do well in school or does something wrong. Darry cares for Pony but doesn't show it.



CHAPTER 1

4. The gang is important to Johnny because they are like family to him. Johnny wouldn't know what love or affection meant if it weren't for the gang.
5. Ponyboy was shocked and didn't really believe him. Pony didn't think that Darry could love any one.
6. Ponyboy lies to himself when he can't handle reality.

Family

CHAPTER 2



1. The police are the fuzz.
2. The names Sodapop and Ponyboy are not nicknames. Their father chose the names to be unique.
3. Cherry and Marcia are Soc girls who meet Ponyboy, Dally, and Twobit at the drive-in. Cherry got her nickname because of her red hair.
4. Cherry throws soda on Dally. Pony and Cherry become friends.
5. He doesn't like the term because he knows that Soda dropped out in order to support the family.
6. When Pony boy calls Two-Bit a "chessy cat" he is referring to the purple and black cat in Alice in Wonderland and thinks that Two-Bit smile looks like that cat.
7. The author uses imagery to describe Johnny's beating.
8. Johnny was beaten severely by the Socs and is now very nervous.

CHAPTER 3

1 & 2. According to Cherry, Greasers are emotional and the Socs are sophisticated and cool. Socs aren't emotional.

3. Poor vs rich; jealousy vs entitlement

4. Pony and Johnny are extremely close. They share the same feelings and beliefs.

5. The boys were Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends.

6. They died before the novel begins in a car accident.

7. When Pony comes home late, Darry becomes angry and slaps him causing Pony to run away.

8. Johnny prefers to be beaten than to be ignored.

9. Pony says, "I know better now."



CHAPTER 4

1. “reeling pickled” = drunk
2. Major Event = The Socs attempt to drown Pony and Johnny comes to his defense and stabs Bob to death
3. Foreshadowing = “Johnny’s hand went to his back pocket and I remembered his switchblade.”
4. Opinion =
5. Setting = dark; isolated
6. Opinion =



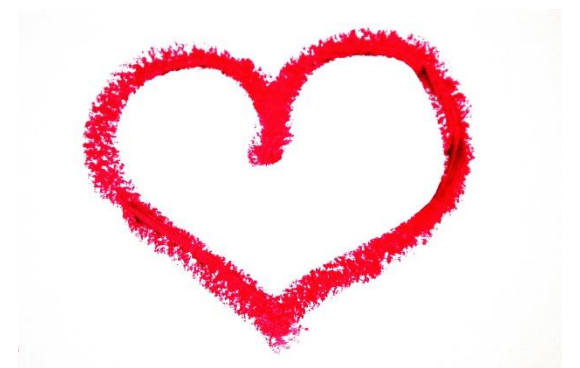
CHAPTER 5



1. He doesn't want his hair cut and bleached.
2. Pony was supposed to be the one who understood what he read in books.
3. Johnny thinks that Dally is a hero because he took the blame for others so that they wouldn't get in trouble.
4. Opinion =
5. Heater = gun
6. They are going to fight because of Bob's death.
7. The spy is Cherry Valence.
8. "nothing gold can stay" refers to those events, people who stand out / their beauty or goodness stands out – that beauty or goodness cannot last forever
9. Tuff
10. Maybe Johnny had been arrested and was going to get the electric chair

CHAPTER 6

1. Yes; Because Dally's parents never cared for him, it is difficult for him to care for others. He cares for Johnny because he has a similar background.
2. Dally doesn't want Johnny to end up like him.
3. Dally is kind and caring.
4. Opinion:
5. Johnny wasn't scared because he believed that the children had more to live for than he did.
6. Darry loved him.



CHAPTER 7

1. Johnny is in critical condition.
2. Being crippled would be worse for Johnny because he would be stuck in a hostile home – would not be able to be with the gang.
3. Opinion:
4. Juvenile delinquent = a young criminal
5. Johnny and Pony had that quality all along
6. Bob wanted to be told “no” by his parents; he wanted guidance.
7. People are people regardless of their background.
8. She left to live with her grandparents.
9. Rationalize what has happened; vent; get Pony’s reaction to everything



CHAPTER 8

1. When the boys were told that they could not see Johnny, the doctor agreed to let them in and said, “It can’t hurt now.”
2. The gang will never be the same without Johnny.
3. Johnny is the one who keeps the gang together.
4. Darry was smart and athletic and could have gone to college if he hadn’t lost his parents and had to support the family.
5. When Bob wasn’t drunk, he was kind and caring.



CHAPTER 9

1. What kind of a world is it if you have to dress and act the way others expect you to act? You need to be yourself.
2. They are fighting for their reputation.
3. Tim Shepard's gang is organized and more aggressive.
4. Johnny is telling Pony to be himself and enjoy life; appreciate what he has.
5. He is killed by the police.



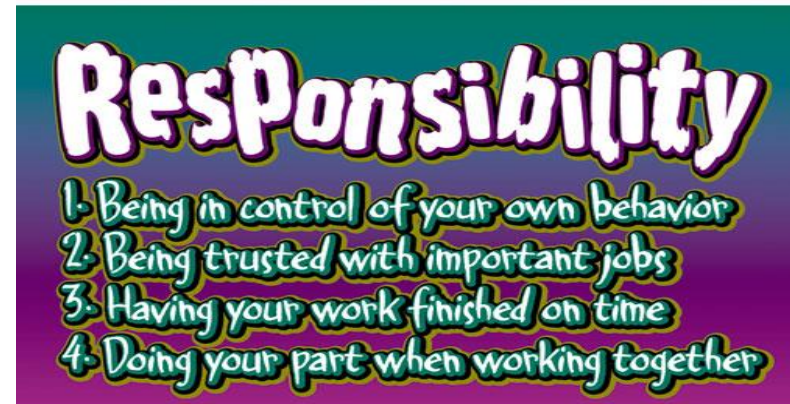
CHAPTER 10

1. Pony's dreaming and lying to himself shows how much in denial he is; it helps him to cope.
2. Johnny was the only person that Dally cared for.
3. Dally no longer has anything or anyone to live for.
4. Dally risked his life for Pony and Johnny and wanted to help Johnny stay out of trouble.



CHAPTER 11

1. Pony doesn't want anyone to think that he is weak.
2. Johnny killed Bob to save Pony, therefore Pony feels responsible.
3. Tie up loose ends . . .
4. People are people



CHAPTER 12

1. Pony's teacher is referring to Pony's low / missing grades due to his injuries and traumatic experience. Pony thinks that the teacher is accusing him of goofing off.
2. Pony has been through enough and is no longer intimidated.
3. Darry is saying that life goes on regardless of your loss.
4. Sandy didn't stand up to her parents and left Soda.
5. Darry and Pony always put Soda in the middle of their arguments.



CHAPTER 12

6. Someone who listens; appreciates life

7. Johnny listened to everyone, cared for others, and appreciated family life.

8. Pony writes about his experiences with the gang.

9. Climax = When Johnny dies

11 Title = sometimes circumstances make us feel like “outsiders.”

biggest outsider???

