

1. What does Ponyboy mean when he says, "It wasn't Cherry the Soc who was helping us, it was Cherry the dreamer who watched sunsets and couldn't stand fights?"
2. Why is it not a good thing to be sensitive when you are a greaser, according to Ponyboy?
3. Why does Johnny think they should turn themselves in?
4. What conflict do Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dally encounter when they return to their hideout after lunch?
5. Who goes into the fire?
6. What does Dally do when Ponyboy emerges from the flames?
7. Who is most injured in the fire? Describe his injuries.
8. Describe the reunion between Ponyboy and his brothers.

Read the following list of events. Decide which of the events happened first. Place the numeral 1 in the blank next to that event. Continue through the list, numbering the events in the order in which they occurred.

- _____ Ponyboy and Johnny ride a freight train to Windrixville.
- _____ Johnny kills Bob in the park.
- _____ Ponyboy and Cherry meet at the movies.
- _____ Johnny is badly beaten by Bob in the vacant lot.
- _____ Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dallas are rushed to the hospital.
- _____ Ponyboy, Sodapop, and Darry's parents are killed.
- _____ Ponyboy and Johnny rescue the children from the burning church.

Most of the events in *The Outsiders* are presented in the order in which they happened. However, the sequence is interrupted at two points in the story (flashback) when Ponyboy describes incidents that took place sometime in the past. One has to do with Johnny and the other with Sodapop. Briefly describe these two incidents and tell why you think the author presented them in such detail even though they had happened before the story began. Reread chapters 2 and 3 to refresh your memory about the two passages if needed.

Johnny: _____

Sodapop: _____

