

Outsiders Chapters Summaries

Chapter 1

- Ponyboy got jumped by the Socs.
- Ponyboy's brothers and other members of gang are introduced.

Chapter 2

- Ponyboy and Johnny go to the movies with Dally.
- They meet two Soc girls – Cherry and Marcia.
- We learn that Johnny was beaten up by the Socs who were driving a blue Mustang.
- Ponyboy and Cherry learn that Socs and Greasers both have it rough.

Chapter 3

- Ponyboy and Johnny started walking Cherry and Marcia home, and a blue Mustang drove by.
- The girls get in the car to prevent a fight.
- Ponyboy and Johnny fall asleep in the lot. When Ponyboy gets home at 2 a.m., Darry is upset – they argue, and Darry slaps Ponyboy. Ponyboy runs out and finds Johnny. They walk to the park to calm down.

Chapter 4

- Ponyboy and Johnny go to the fountain.
- The Socs show up.
- The Socs tried to drown Ponyboy.
- Johnny saved Ponyboy by killing Bob with his knife.
- They go to Dally for help.
- Dally gives them money and a gun and tells them to catch the train to Windrixville and hide in an abandoned church.

Chapter 5

- Johnny goes to get supplies.
- Ponyboy has to bleach and cut his hair so that he doesn't match his description.
- Dally comes to visit and takes them to town to eat.
- Dally brought Ponyboy a letter and money from Soda.
- Dally tells them that Cherry is their spy.

Chapter 6

- Johnny decides to go home and turn himself in.
- When they get back to the church, it is on fire.
- Johnny and Ponyboy go into the burning church to save the trapped kids.

- The church roof collapses, injuring Ponyboy and Johnny.
- Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dallas end up at the hospital.
- Johnny is badly injured.
- Soda and Darry come to the hospital and the brothers work everything out.

Chapter 7

- Dally and Ponyboy are okay, but Johnny is in critical condition.
- Ponyboy finds out that they might get separated.
- Randy talks to Ponyboy; he says he would not have saved the kids and that he is not going to fight in the rumble.
- Randy said that Bob wasn't a bad kid; he just wanted someone to say "no" to him.

Chapter 8

- Ponyboy and Two-Bit go see Johnny. Johnny says he's not ready to die.
- Johnny's mother comes to see him, but he doesn't want to see her.
- They go see Dally and he's okay, but he's worried about Johnny.
- Dally is so upset that he can't be at the rumble.
- Dally asks Two-Bit for his switchblade.
- Ponyboy gets mad at Cherry because she won't go see Johnny.

Chapter 9

- Ponyboy asks everyone why they fight. Soda=fun, Steve=hatred, Darry=pride, Two-Bit=conformity, Ponyboy=self-defense.
- At the rumble, Darry is picked to start. The Soc he is fighting, Paul, used to be his friend.
- Dally shows up at the rumble.
- Socs run first, Greasers win the rumble.
- Dally grabs Ponyboy and they go see Johnny.
- Johnny says fighting is useless. He dies and Dally flips out and runs out of the hospital.

Chapters 10-12

- Dally calls and says he robbed the grocery store and for the gang to meet him at the lot.
- Dally pulls his gun and the cops shoot and kill him.
- Ponyboy faints. He is sick for several days.
- Randy (Soc) comes to see Ponyboy. They talk about going to court.
- Ponyboy says that Johnny is not dead and that he killed the Soc (Bob).
- Ponyboy is acquitted. They get to stay together.
- Ponyboy was forgetful, started bumping into things, and was doing poorly in school.
- Ponyboy's English teacher tells him if he writes a good theme, he will pass the class.

- Ponyboy finds a note from Johnny in the GWTW book. Johnny tells Ponyboy that dying was worth it – saving the kids.
- Ponyboy writes his theme on the experience with the Socs.