

The Outsiders
Chapters 1-2 Reading Response Questions

1. Identify Darry, Soda and Ponyboy.

2. How are Greasers different from Socs?

3. Who were other members of Pony's gang?

4. What happened to Pony on his way home from the movies?

5. Who did Dally, Johnny and Ponyboy meet at the Nightly Double?

6. Contrast Dally's approach to Cherry and Marcia with Pony's, and contrast Cherry's response to Dally with her response to Pony.

7. Why were Cherry and Marcia alone at the drive-in?

8. Pony was somewhat surprised that he was getting along with Cherry and Marcia. Why?

9. What had happened to Johnny prior to the time of this story?

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Chapters 7-9 Reading Response Questions

1. What additional problem did the three brothers face after Pony's return?
2. Why did Randy want to talk to Pony?
3. When Johnny's mother came to visit him at the hospital, what was Johnny's reaction?
4. Why wouldn't Cherry go visit Johnny?
5. Compare and contrast the boys' reasons for fighting. (Darry, Steve, Soda and Two-Bit)
6. What did Pony say was the difference between Tim's gang and his?
7. Identify Paul Holden.
8. Who "won" the rumble?
9. Where did Dally take Pony after the rumble?
10. How do we know Dally felt at least partially responsible for Johnny's fate?
11. What advice did Dally give to Pony on the way to the hospital after the rumble?
12. What were Johnny's last words to Ponyboy?

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Chapters 10-12

- 1. Of what did Pony try to convince himself on the way home from the hospital?**

- 2. What did Pony decide was the reason Dally couldn't take Johnny's death?**

- 3. Why did Dally rob the grocery store and then raise his unloaded gun to the police?**

- 4. Why would Pony have thought he was in Windrixville while he was delirious?**

- 5. What was Pony's reaction when Randy talked about Johnny?**

- 6. What was the result of the court hearing?**

- 7. How did Pony react to the three Socs who bullied him about killing Bob?**

- 8. Johnny's note made several points. What were they?**

- 9. How do we know Ponyboy will be all right?**