

The Outsiders
Chapter 1– 2 Discussion Questions

1. Who are the socs? Who are the greasers?
2. Why is the 'gang' important to Johnny?
3. Do you think Darry loves Ponyboy? Why does he treat Ponyboy the way he does?
4. Are the names Ponyboy and Sodapop nicknames? Explain.
5. Why doesn't Ponyboy like referring to Sodapop as a dropout?
6. Reread the beginning of the second paragraph from page one of the book; it continues on page two. Ponyboy describes one way he feels different. Name one way you feel different from the norm. Explain why you enjoy whatever it is that makes you feel different.