

The Outsiders

Chapter Nine

1. Why do the Curtis brothers get spruced up before the fight?
2. Why does Pony believe Darry likes fighting?
3. How can you tell the gang is excited about the fight?
4. Why do the boys fight? Why is Pony different?
4. What does the appearance of the two other gangs make Pony determined to do?
5. What does Pony realize about appearance as the Socs arrive?
6. Why is Darry jealous of Paul?
7. How did Dally get out of the hospital?
8. How did Pony and Dally get a police escort to the hospital?
9. What do you think Johnny's last words to Pony mean?
10. Why do you think Dally is acting the way he is?

Chapter Ten

1. How does Pony's dreaming, or lying to himself, finally work in this chapter?
2. Why was Johnny's dying so difficult for Dally to handle?
3. What has Dally done?
4. Why do you think Dally would have wanted to die?
5. How do the deaths of Johnny and Dally affect Ponyboy?
6. How long was Ponyboy asleep?
7. Why doesn't Pony want to read *Gone with the Wind* ?
8. Why is Pony worried he didn't ask for Darry while he was asleep?

Chapter Eleven

1. Who did Pony find in Soda's yearbook?
2. Explain why Pony would rather be hated than pitied?
3. What do you think is going on with Ponyboy when he says, "Johnny didn't have anything to do with Bob's getting killed" (p.166)?

Chapter Twelve

1. Why is Pony proud of his brother's answers to the judge's questions about Dally?
2. What 'circumstances' does Ponyboy's teacher refer to?
3. What circumstances does Ponyboy think his teacher is referring to?
4. Why doesn't Ponyboy feel scared when the Socs approach him and he threatens them with a broken bottle ?
5. How is this a dramatic change from the Ponyboy we have seen up until this point? How do we know he hasn't changed?
6. What does Darry mean when he says, "you don't just stop living because you lose someone"?
4. How do we know Sandy didn't love Soda as much as he loved her?
5. Explain how Darry and Ponyboy play tug of war with Soda.
6. What do we learn was so special about Johnny?
7. What does Ponyboy end up doing for his English assignment?