

The Outsiders: Chapter 4

[A] Pre-Reading:

1. Why did Ponyboy run away?
2. Do you think he'll be able to reconnect with Darry?

[B] Close Reading Questions (Sentence form!):

1. What does the simile about Johnny's eyes emphasize?
2. What insult seems to really offend Johnny and Ponyboy? Why do you think that is?
3. What is Johnny's reaction when Ponyboy says "I'm gonna be sick"? Why do you think he reacts in that way?
4. What are the three things that Johnny decides they will need?
5. What is going through Ponyboy's mind while Johnny is telling Dally their story? Why is he thinking about that? What does he decide?
6. What is the "only thing" Dally does honestly? Why do you think that is?
7. What is the hyperbole about Buck's shirt?
8. What is the scene inside the boxcar about? What does it tell you about the two young men?
9. Ponyboy thought to himself, "we both need a haircut and some decent clothes" – who does that sound like? Why is that surprising, and why does he think that?
10. Why don't Johnny and Ponyboy go to church anymore? Quotation Support