

The Outsiders

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Directions: Over the next two weeks, you will be reading The Outsiders and answering comprehension questions.

Week 1 you should read Chapter 1 through 6 and answer the questions that go along with those chapters

Week 2 you should read Chapter 7 through 12 and answer the questions that go along with those chapters

Chapter 1

1. Describe the main character.
2. How did Ponyboy get out of his tough situation with the Socials?
3. Why do you think Darry only gets after Ponyboy and has high expectations for him?
4. What did Soda say that Pony had a hard time believing?

Chapter 2

1. Why did the girls invite Johnny and Pony to sit with them at the drive-in?
2. Why are the girls alone at the drive-in?
3. What did Cherry notice about Johnny?
4. What did Cherry say about the Socs after Pony told her Johnny's story?

Chapter 3

1. Why did Cherry and Pony feel comfortable talking about personal things?
2. Who was in the blue mustang that drove by the kids as they talked?
3. Why did Pony want to live in the country?
4. What made Pony decide to run-away?

Chapter 4

1. Who pulled up to the park while Johnny and Pony were hanging out?
2. Why did Johnny kill Randy?
3. What did Dally get for the boys to help them get out of town?
4. Where did the boys take cover and hide?

Chapter 5

1. How did the boys disguise themselves?
2. Why was Johnny upset when Pony talked about the previous night?
3. How did Johnny and Pony pass the time in the church?
4. What are the two pieces of news Dally told the boys?

Chapter 6

1. Why was Johnny thinking about turning himself in?
2. How did Dally feel about the boys turning themselves in?
3. Why was Johnny happy when they were saving the kids from the fire?
4. What did Pony's metaphor mean, "I had taken the long way around, but I was finally home. To stay."?

Chapter 7

1. Why was Pony so upset about Johnny's condition?
2. Why did Pony feel like he needed to clean his house?
3. What did Randy tell Ponyboy when he wanted to talk?

Chapter 8

1. Why did Johnny change and not want to die anymore?
2. Why didn't Johnny want to see his mom when she came to visit him in the hospital?
3. Why couldn't Cherry go see Johnny in the hospital?

Chapter 9

1. Why didn't Darry want Pony to fight in the rumble?
2. Why did Pony think Darry wouldn't be a hood all his life?
3. Why was it such a big deal that Paul spoke up to fight Darry?
4. What was Johnny referring to when he told Pony to stay golden?

Chapter 10

1. Why had Dallas robbed a grocery store?
2. How had Pony been feeling all night and what finally happened to him?
3. Why was it bothering Pony that he might not have asked for Darry while he was sick?

Chapter 11

1. Who did Ponyboy see in the yearbook and what did he think about?
2. What did Pony say when Randy brought up Johnny?

Chapter 12

1. What was the result of the hearing?
2. How did Pony's attitude change about fighting from the beginning of the story to when the Socs drove up to him at the grocery store?
3. What two things was Soda upset about?
4. What did Johnny explain being gold was?
5. How did Pony begin his theme paper?