

# Outsiders

# *The Outsiders* - Chapter One

- Choose **one** of the following questions.  
Answer in complete sentences with evidence from the text.
1. Why is Ponyboy so reluctant to tell Darry how he really feels afterwards?
  2. According to Ponyboy, what is different about Dally from the rest of the guys?
  3. Why does Darry work so hard?

# *The Outsiders* – Chapter Two

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

- What is a flashback? What understanding do you gain from the flashback?

Choose **one** of the following questions (be sure to answer all parts). Answer in complete sentences with evidence from the text.

1. How do the girls respond to Dally's insults? From their reactions, what can you conclude about their personalities?
2. What rule do the Greasers follow, besides "stick together"? How do you think these rules came to be?

# *The Outsiders*- Chapter Four

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. Compare Ponyboy and Johnny's reaction to the death of Bob. Include evidence to support your answer.
2. Write a summary of the events that occur in chapter four, from beginning to end.

# *The Outsiders* – Chapter Five

**Answer the following question in complete sentences.**

1. How did the boys show their feelings as emotion overcame them? Do you think their behavior was “in character” or did it deviate from the image the writer was trying to create? Explain.

## Discussion question:

- Why does Dally say that his heater “sure does help a bluff...” what does he mean?

# *The Outsiders* – Chapter Six

- Choose one of the following questions. Answer in complete sentences with evidence from the text.
1. “The spy” thinks the whole mess was her fault. Dally agrees that it is. Thinking back on the story, do you believe the trouble they are all in is because of her? Explain.
  2. What does Dally tell Johnny when he asks about his parents? How does Johnny react? How is his reaction different from how Dally would react?

# *The Outsiders* - Chapter Seven

- Answer one of the following questions in complete sentences.
  1. Why do you think Ponyboy says Randy is just a guy, not a Soc?
  2. From their discussion, what did you learn about the privileged class to which the Socs belong? How do you think some people come to feel entitlement?



## Discussion question:

- Randy says, “You get a little money and the whole world hates you.” Pony replies, “No, you hate the whole world.” Which of these statements, in your opinion, is true? Explain your answer.

# The Outsiders – Chapter Eight

- Answer the following questions in complete sentences with evidence from the text.
1. When Dally asks Two-Bit about his “fancy black-handled switch” what do you think was his reason for asking? Why do you think Two-Bit hands it over to him “without hesitation”?
  2. Pony had a sick feeling in his stomach about the rumble that night. Infer what you think he was worried about.

# Discussion Question

- Cherry says about Bob, “he could be sweet sometimes, and friendly. But when he got drunk...it was that part of him that beat up Johnny.” Explain the differences between reason and excuse. Do you believe that if someone has been drinking, it is an excuse, or is it a reason, for inappropriate behavior?

# The Outsiders – Chapter Nine

- **Answer the following questions in complete sentences with evidence from the text.**
1. Pony believes that he and Darry are both going to “get somewhere.” What does he mean by that? Do you believe they have any choice in the matter?
  2. What were Johnny’s last words to Ponyboy? What do you think he meant?

# *The Outsiders* – Chapter Ten

- Choose one of the following questions. Answer in complete sentences with evidence from the text.
1. The narrator writes, “And the ground rushed up to meet me very suddenly.” What really happened? How do you know?
  2. Why is Ponyboy worried about whether or not he asked for Darry while he was in the hospital?

# The Outsiders – Chapter Eleven

- **Answer the following question in complete sentences with evidence from the text.**
1. Why do you think Ponyboy insists that he is the one who killed Bob and keeps saying that Johnny isn't dead?

# The Outsiders – Chapter Twelve

- Answer the following questions in complete sentences with evidence from the text.
1. What is significant about the last sentence of the novel? Why?
  2. What is a possible theme for the story, *The Outsiders*? Why?