The Outsiders Ch. 1-2

Chapter One

1. What do you know about Ponyboy, Sodapop, and Darry?

2. Who are the Socs? Who are the Greasers?

3. How do Ponyboy’s relationships with Darry and Sodapop differ? Explain.

4. Why is the „gang‟ important to Johnny?

5. How does Ponyboy react to what Sodapop tells him about Darry?

6. What does Ponyboy mean on page 18 when he says, “I lie to myself all the time?” Do you ever lie to yourself? Why?

Chapter Two

1. Who is the Fuzz? [pg. 20]

2. Are the names Ponyboy and Sodapop nicknames? Explain.

3. Who are Cherry and Marcia?

4. What happens at the drive-in?

5. Why doesn’t Ponyboy like referring to Sodapop as a dropout?

6. What is Ponyboy comparing Two-Bit to when he calls him a “chessy cat” on page 27? What figure of speech is this besides as simile?

7. What literary device does the author use to describe Johnny’s mugging [pgs.31-34]?

8. What happened to Johnny?