Chapter Five

1. Why does Pony have a problem with Johnny’s idea to disguise themselves?

2. What does Pony mean when he says, “I was supposed to be the deep one” [p.75]?

3. Why does Johnny think is a hero [p.76]? Do you think Dally is a hero based on what he did?

4. On page 78, Johnny compares Pony and his brothers to their parents. Which one of your parents are you most like? What similarities do you share?

5. What’s a heater‟? Why does Dally have one?

6. Why are the Socs and the greasers going to fight in the vacant lot?

7. Who’s the spy for the greasers? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

8. What’s the poem about on pg. 77 by Robert Frost?

9. What’s a characteristic Pony repeats about himself in this chapter?

10. What is it that foreshadows Johnny’s predicament on pg. 69?

Chapter Six

1. Do you think Dally’s parents have influenced the way he is; his personality? Explain.

2. Why doesn’t Dally want Johnny to turn himself in?

3. What “other side” of Dallas is revealed in this chapter?

4. What’s your own definition of a hero? Do the three boys prove themselves to

be heroes, according to your definition? Explain.

5. Why do you think Johnny wasn’t scared, despite the obvious danger, on page 92?

6. What does Pony realize about Darry at the end of this chapter?