Chapter Nine

1. On the bottom of p.132, when Pony asks what kind of a world it is, what comment is he making about how he judges people?

2. Why do the boys fight? Is Pony different?

3. What is the difference between Tim Sheppard’s gang and Ponyboy’s? Explain how Pony feels this difference give his group the upper hand?

7. What do you think Johnny’s last words to Pony mean?

8. What happened with Dally in the end?

Chapter Ten

1. How does Pony’s dreaming, or lying to himself, finally work in this chapter?

2. Why was Johnny’s dying so difficult for Dally to handle?

3. Who do you think Dally would have wanted to die?

4. How does Pony describe Dally as being a person who made a difference on pg. 154?

Chapter Eleven

1. Explain why Pony might rather anyone’s hate than their pity (p.162)?

2. What do you think is going on with Ponyboy when he says, “Johnny didn’t have anything to do with bob’s getting killed” (p.166)?

3. Why does Randy come to visit Pony, beyond the obvious?

4. What did Randy discover in his conversation with Pony?