

## ***The Outsiders Study Questions***

***(This packet will be turned in for a quiz grade. It is due the first Friday of school)***



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### **Chapter One**

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. Who are the socs? Who are the greasers?
2. How do Ponyboy's relationships with Darry and Sodapop differ? Explain.
3. Why is the 'gang' important to Johnny?
4. How does Ponyboy react to what Sodapop tells him about Darry?
5. Do you think Darry loves Ponyboy? Why does he treat Ponyboy the way he does?
6. What does Ponyboy mean on page 8 when he says, "I lie to myself all the time"? Do you ever lie to yourself? Why?

## **Chapter Two**

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Incredulous:
- Vaguely:
- Nonchalantly:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. Who is the fuzz? (p. 20)
2. Are the names Ponyboy and Sodapop nicknames? Explain.
3. Who are Cherry and Marcia?
4. Why doesn't Ponyboy like referring to Sodapop as a dropout?
5. Why does Dally look sick now (p. 33)?



## **Chapter Four**

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Ruefully:
- Hermit:
- Premonition:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. What does Pony mean when he says the socs were "reeling pickled" on page 54?
2. What major event happens in this chapter?
3. How did the author foreshadow that Johnny would use his knife in chapter 2?
4. What would your advice be to Johnny and Ponyboy if they'd come to you for help instead of Dally? Explain.

## **Chapter Five**

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Reluctantly:
- Sullen:
- Eluded:
- Imploringly:

- Gallant:
- Indignant:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. What does Pony mean when he says, "I was supposed to be the deep one" (p. 75)?
2. Why does Johnny think is a hero (p. 76)? Do you think Dally is a hero based on what he did?
3. Why does Pony realize he doesn't like Dally? Can you explain what he means by this?
4. Examine Robert Frost's poem, Nothing Gold can Stay. What do you think the poem is saying? How might this apply to the characters in the novel?
5. 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?
6. What's a 'heater'? Why does Dally have one?
7. Who's the spy for the greasers? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

## **Chapter Six**

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Bewildered:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

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?

## **Chapter Seven**

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. Explain what Pony means when he says Soda "reminds me of a colt" on p. 101.
2. What condition is Johnny in after the fire?

3. Why would being crippled be worse for Johnny than someone else?
4. "Maybe people are younger when they are asleep" (p.104). what do you think about this comment?
5. Why would Two-Bit think Johnny, Dally, and Pony were heroes all along; before they saved the kids?
6. What was Bob's 'real' problem, according to Randy (p.116)?

## **Chapter Eight**

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. How does what the doctor first says, on page 119, foreshadow Johnny's condition?
2. "We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason" (p.121). What do you think Pony means, and what is the reason?
3. What does Pony mean on p. 123 when he says, "we could get along without anyone but Johnny"?

4. If Darry didn't have Soda and Pony, why would he be a soc?

5. What does Cherry mean when she says Bob "wasn't just anyone" on p.129?

### **Chapter Nine**

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. On the bottom of p.133, when Pony asks what kind of a world it is, what comment is he making about how society judges people?

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

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

4. What do you think Johnny's last words to Pony mean?



## Chapter Ten

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Indignantly:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

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. Why do you think Dally would have wanted to die?

## Chapter Eleven

Vocabulary – define the following term(s):

- Acquitted:

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

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)?

## **Chapter Twelve**

**Directions:** *Please answer all questions in one or two complete sentences!*

1. Why doesn't Ponyboy feel scared when the socs approach him and he threatens them with a broken bottle (p.170-171)? How is this a dramatic change from the Ponyboy we have seen up until this point?
2. What does Darry mean when he says, "you don't just stop living because you lose someone" (p.173)?
3. How do we know Sandy didn't love Soda as much as he loved her?
4. What do we learn was so special about Johnny (p.178)?
5. What does Ponyboy end up doing for his English assignment?