

THE OUTSIDERS - Chapter 1

GENERAL

1. Who is the narrator?
2. What are the names and ages of the 3 brothers introduced in Chapter 1?
3. What happened to their parents?
4. What are the nicknames of the 2 gangs and where does each live?
5. Which group is from the "poor side" of town and which group is the "rich kids?"
6. Who are the other 4 gang members introduced in Chapter 1?
7. Who is the guardian of Pony and Soda?

SHORT ANSWER

1. How does Ponyboy's relationship with Soda differ from his relationship with Darry?
2. Why shouldn't Greasers walk alone?
3. What is the main reason that Pony stays out of trouble more than the other Greasers?
4. Why are the other Greasers important to Pony?
5. Describe what Two-Bit is like
6. Describe what Dally (Dallas) is like
7. Describe what Johnny is like
8. What kind of girls like the Greasers? (according to Pony)
9. What does Pony mean when he says "I lie to myself all the time?" (pg 18)

VOCABULARY

1. lone it (slang) pg 1
2. savvy (slang) pg 17
3. the cooler (slang) pg 12
4. rumble (slang) pg 11
5. tuff (slang) pg 12

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THE OUTSIDERS (Answers -Chap 1)

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1. Ponyboy
2. Ponyboy =14, Soda = 16, Darry (Darryl) = 20
3. Killed in auto accident
4. Greasers = east side, Socs (Socials) = west side
5. Greasers = poor, Socs = rich
6. Steve, Two-Bit, Dally (Dallas), Johnny
7. Darry (their older brother)

SHORT ANSWER

1. Pony is closer to Soda, who is more understanding. He doesn't understand Darry. He thinks Darry is too hard on him
2. They might get "jumped" by the Socs
3. If he gets into trouble and gets caught, he and Soda might get taken away from Darry and put in a foster home
4. They're like family to him
5. Hes the oldest and the wisecracker of the Greasers. Never shuts up and smarts off to cops.
6. Toughest member of the Greasers. Colder & meaner than the others. Pony doesn't like him.
7. Smallest and most quiet member of the Greasers. Hes like everyones kid brother
8. Tough, loud girls who wear too much makeup, and giggle and swear too much.
9. He doesn't think Darry loves him, so he tells himself that he doesn't care about him either. But he really does. So he says he lies to himself all the time, but he never really believes himself.
10. ADDITIONAL QUESTION → Why is the book called "The Outsiders?"
Because the Greasers feel like "outsiders" compared to the rest of society. They don't think they fit in.

VOCABULARY

1. be alone; go by himself
2. Understand? Get it?
3. another name for jail
4. another name for a fight
5. something or someone that's cool or sharp, like a tuff-looking car

THE OUTSIDERS -Chap 2

GENERAL

1. What's Ponyboy's real name?
2. What's Sodapop's real name?
3. What are the names of the 2 girls that Pony meets in the theatre?
4. Who did Pony say dropped out of high school?
5. What literary device (term) is used for the way that Johnny's mugging is described starting on page 31?

SHORT ANSWER

1. Explain what happens between Dally and Johnny at the theatre
2. Pony says there's another name for a gang if they don't stick together. What is the name?
3. The Greasers have 2 main rules. One is "stick together." What's the other one?
4. What's the difference between Marcia and Cherry?
5. On pages 34-35, Cherry tells Pony about the Socs, saying "We have troubles you've never even heard of. Things are tough all over." What do you think she means by that?
6. On page 35, Pony talks about some differences between the kind of girls that normally hang around the Greasers and the Soc girls. Explain some of the differences.

VOCABULARY

1. drive-in
2. hoods
3. fuzz
4. "ride bull"
5. incredulous
6. nonchalantly
7. rebellious

Name: _____

Main Idea

Directions: Read each passage and ask yourself, "What is the author doing in this paragraph?" Write your answer in the summary box and then think of an appropriate title for the passage based on the main idea of the passage.

1. A penny for your thoughts? If it's a 1943 copper penny, it could be worth as much as fifty thousand dollars. In 1943, most pennies were made out of steel since copper was needed for World War II, so the 1943 copper penny is ultra-rare. Another rarity is the 1955 double die penny. These pennies were mistakenly double stamped, so they have overlapping dates and letters. If it's uncirculated, it'd easily fetch \$25,000 at an auction. Now that's a pretty penny.

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. **Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.**

An appropriate title: _____

2. Before you put on that *Angry Birds* costume and exhaust yourself roving from door to door pandering for candy, take a minute to reflect on the tradition in which you are taking part. Halloween is believed to have come from an ancient Celtic festival dating back some 2,000 years. November 1st was the Celtic New Year and marked the end of summer to the Celts, so they celebrated on its eve by wearing costumes made of animal skins and dancing around bon fires. Over the next two millennia, this primitive celebration grew to be candy fueled costume ball that we know today.

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. **Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.**

An appropriate title: _____

3. When one hears the term "reality" applied to a television show, one might expect that the events portrayed occurred naturally or, at the least, were not scripted, but this is not always the case. Many reality shows occur in unreal environments, like rented mansions occupied by film crews. Such living environments do not reflect what most people understand to be "reality." Worse, there have been accusations that events not captured on film were later restaged by producers. Worse still, some involved in the production of "reality" television claim that the participants were urged to act out story lines premeditated by producers. With such accusations floating around, it's no wonder many people take reality TV to be about as real as the sitcom.

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. **Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.**

An appropriate title: _____