

# The Outsiders

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## Short Answer Questions

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## Short Answer Questions

### Chapter 1

1. How old were Ponyboy and his two brothers?
2. How were the Socs different from the greasers?
3. How had Ponyboy put himself in a dangerous situation?
4. What had happened to Ponyboy's parents?
5. What did the Soc say to Ponyboy when he pulled the knife?
6. What had the Socs done to Johnny Cade when he was sixteen?
7. How did Two-Bit Mathews get his name?
8. Explain how Dallas Winston was different from the other greasers.
9. What was it like for Johnny Cade at home?
10. What was it that Ponyboy didn't believe about Darry?

### Chapter 2

1. Why did Dally not pay his way into the drive-in although he had the quarter fee?
2. How did Cherry and Marcia know Dally and Sodapop?
3. What did Cherry do with the Coke that Dally bought for her?
4. Who told Dally to leave Cherry alone?
5. Why were Cherry and Marcia at the drive-in alone?
6. Why was Tim Shepard looking for Dally?
7. Where did the greasers find Johnny after he had been beaten by the Socs?
8. What had caused Johnny to be cut up so badly?
9. How had Johnny's behavior changed after the beating?
10. What did Cherry say about Socs?

Keys

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#### Chapter 1

1. Ponyboy was fourteen, Sodapop was sixteen, and Darry was twenty.
2. The greasers were poor kids from the East-side, almost like hoods. They wore their hair long, dressed in blue jeans, T-shirts, leather jackets and boots, and they left their shirrtails out. The Socs were West-side rich kids. They jumped greasers and wrecked houses.
3. He was walking home alone from the movies.
4. They had been killed in a car crash.
5. He said, "Need a haircut, greaser?"
6. They had beaten him badly. He had been found half-conscious in the corner lot.
7. He couldn't stop making funny remarks. He always had to get his two-bits worth in.
8. He had spent three years on the wild side of New York, and he had been arrested. The police had a file on him. He got drunk, lied, cheated, stole, rolled drunks, and jumped small kids. Ponyboy didn't like him.
9. His father beat him, and his mother ignored him.
10. He didn't believe Darry loved him or anyone or anything except Soda.

#### Chapter 2

1. He hated to do things the legal way. He liked to show he didn't care whether there was a law or not. He went around trying to break laws.
2. They all participated in rodeos.
3. She threw it in his face.
4. Johnny did.
5. They had come with their boyfriends, but had walked away when they learned the boys had brought booze along.
6. Dally had slashed the tires on his car.