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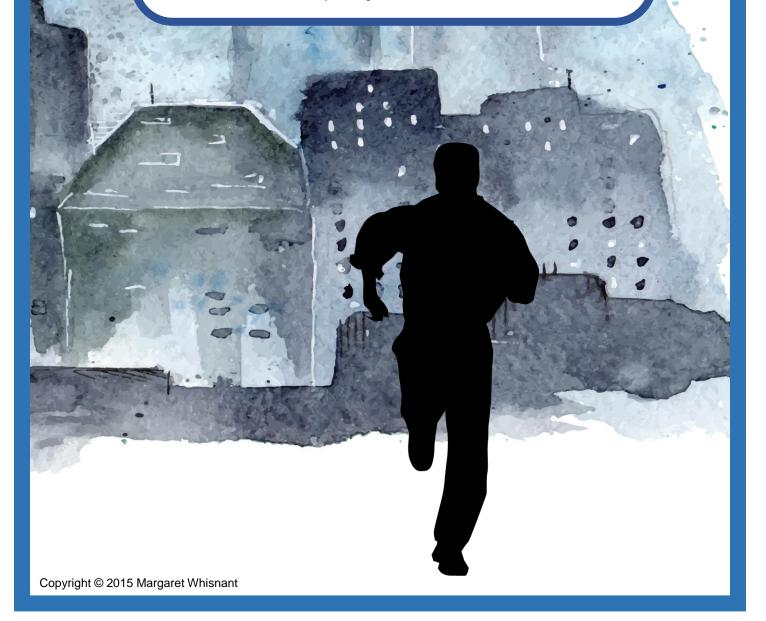
Short Answer Questions

with Answer Keys

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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

The Outsiders By S. E. Hinton

Answer 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 shirttails 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.