**Chapter 1:**

1. How does Ponyboy feel about his brother Darry?

2. Describe Sodapop.

3. In what ways are the Greasers different from the Socs?

4. Why is Johnny Cade special to his friends?

5. How is Dallas Winston different from his friends?

6. Describe Ponyboy.

7. List the members and ages of the Greasers.

**Chapter 2:**

1 Explain the difference between a gang and a pack.

2. Why does Cherry Valance interest Ponyboy?

3. Describe the two rules of the Greasers.

4. What had the Socs done to Johnny that was even worse than the beating?

5. How does Cherry defend the Socs to Ponyboy?

6. Why can’t Ponyboy accept her opinion of the Socs?

**Writing Activity:**

Imagine that you are Cherry. Write a journal entry describing your evening with Ponyboy and Johnny.

(Please do on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the study guide)

**Chapter 3:**

1 According to Cherry, how are the Socs different from the Greasers?

2. Why is Darry angry when Ponyboy returns home, and how does he express his anger?

3. How does Johnny try to comfort Ponyboy when Ponyboy returns to the vacant lot?

**Writing Activity:**

Write about someone you know in whom you can confide as openly as Ponyboy does with Cherry. Without revealing secrets that you have shared, describe this person and explain why you are able to confide in this person.

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Complete the chart below:

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|  | **Physical Description** | **Personality Traits** |
| Ponyboy |  |  |
| Sodapop |  |  |
| Darry |  |  |
| Dally Winston |  |  |
| Johnny Cade |  |  |
| Two-Bit Matthews |  |  |
| Steve Randle |  |  |

**Chapter 4:**

1. Why do the Socs attack Ponyboy and Johnny at the park?

2. Why are these Socs so dangerous?

3. Describe the result of the attack.

4. Explain the quote, “Dally rode the ponies honestly…it was the only thing he did honestly.”

5. How does Dally help Ponyboy and Johnny?

6. Discuss the contrast of Ponyboy and Johnny in a country setting.

**Chapter 5:**

1. Describe Ponyboy’s reaction to Johnny’s plan for a disguise.

2. What is the significance with *Gone with the Wind*?

3. Why does Johnny compare Dally to a “southern gentleman”?

4. Give a brief interpretation of Robert Frost’s poem.

**Writing Activity:**

Imagine that you have to go into hiding. Determine what ten things you would want to have with you. Then describe how you might spend a complete day while you are in the hideout.

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**Chapter 6:**

1. React to Johnny’s decision to turn himself into the police.

2. Describe Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dally’s reaction when they discover that the church is on fire.

3. How does Ponyboy feel about Darry when his brothers arrive at the hospital?

4. Why does Jerry Wood’s reaction to the rescue surprise Ponyboy?

5. Explain Darry’s “silent fear”.

**Chapter 7:**

1. What do the newspapers report about the fire and the Greasers who were at the scene?

2. What was Johnny’s physical condition after the fire? How did Ponyboy think this would affect Johnny’s life?

3. Why is Darry concerned about Ponyboy’s dreams?

4. Describe Randy’s internal conflict.

5. How does Randy react to the reports about the fire?

6. Explain the significance of the meeting between Ponyboy and Randy.

7. Why doesn’t Randy want to fight in the upcoming rumble?

**Chapter 8:**

1. Describe Johnny’s behavior after he learns about his medical condition.

2. Describe Dally’s reaction to the news about Johnny’s health.

3. What did Ponyboy mean when he considered, “Sixteen years on the streets and you see a lot. But all the wrong sights, not the sights you want to see?”

4. Why did Johnny refuse to see his mother?

5. What was Dally going to do with Two-Bit’s knife?

6. Why is Ponyboy rude to Cherry?

**Chapter 9:**

1. Describe the attitude of each member of the Curtis gang in regard to fighting.

2. Why was Darry concerned about Ponyboy’s involvement in the fight?

3. Why did Dally want Ponyboy to be “tough and hard” like him rather than be like Johnny? Do you think Dally believes his own advice?

4. What did Johnny mean when he told Ponyboy to “stay gold”?

**Writing Activity:**

Ponyboy came to understand that the Socs and the Greasers were equally tough, but most people judged the Greasers to be mean because of their appearances. Write about a time when you were fooled by appearances. Describe the contrast between appearance and reality in people or in an incident.

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**Chapter 10:**

1. Why did Johnny’s death push Dally to the breaking point?

2. After Dally confronts the police at the vacant lot, why does Ponyboy say, “I knew that was what Dally wanted”?

3. Why is Dally a hero to Ponyboy?

4. What is Ponyboy concerned about whether or not he asked for Darry while in the hospital?

**Writing Activity:**

Imagine you are a reporter for a newspaper. Write an article describing what happened on the night of the rumble. Be sure to include the important facts about *who, what, when, where,* and *why* of the incident and its aftermath.

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**Chapter 11:**

1. How does looking at an old school yearbook affect Ponyboy?

2. Describe Randy and Ponyboy’s second conversation.

3. Discuss Ponyboy’s realization about Darry.

4. Why does Ponyboy insist that Johnny is not dead?

5. Why does Ponyboy keep saying he killed Bob?

**Chapter 12:**

1. Why does Two-Bit tell Ponyboy, “You’re not like the rest of and don’t try to be”?

2. Explain Ponyboy’s revelation about his past relationship with Sodapop.

3. Why do you think Darry called Ponyboy “little buddy” for the first time?

4. Explain the significance of Johnny’s final message to Ponyboy.

5. What messages do you think this book communicates to young people?