

Grade 8 English
The Outsiders - Chapter Seven-Nine

Name: _____

Answer each of the following in the spaces provided. Remember to use complete sentences.

Chapter Seven:

1. Explain what Pony means when he says Soda "reminds me of a colt".

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". What do you think about this comment?

5. What is a juvenile delinquent? Find a definition on the internet, in a dictionary, or create your own based on your own knowledge.

6. Why would Two-Bit think Johnny, Dally, and Pony were heroes all along, before they saved the kids?

7. What was Bob's 'real' problem, according to Randy?

8. Answer in a paragraph: Why did Pony think it was better to see socs as "just guys"? What do you think he means by this?

Chapter Eight:

1. How does what the doctor foreshadow Johnny's condition?

2. "We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason". What do you think Pony means, and what is the reason?

3. What does Pony mean 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"?

Chapter Nine:

1. Answer in a paragraph: 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. Answer in a paragraph: 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?
