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Close Reading the Literature

Directions: Closely reread the section in chapter 5 beginning with, “I woke up late that night.” Stop reading with, “Dally was so real he scared me.” Read each question and then revisit the text to find evidence that supports your answer.

1. After crying so much, Ponyboy finally relaxes and knows that he can take whatever happens next. Use the text to explain how and why he comes to this realization.

2. Ponyboy is surprised to find that Johnny is a deep thinker. Give examples from the text to show why Ponyboy realizes this is true.

3. Ponyboy is surprised to hear Johnny describe Dally as “gallant.” Use the text to explain why Johnny holds this surprising opinion.

4. Why does Ponyboy prefer books, clouds, and sunsets to “real life”?
