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The outsiders chapter 1 questions

1. Who is the narrator of the novel? What point of view is the story told from? Why might the author have chosen this point of view (what are the benefits)?
2. Who are Ponyboy's brothers? What happened to their parents?
3. Describe the conflict between Ponyboy and Darry. Do you think this is the main conflict of the book? Why or why not?
4. What is the relationship between the Greasers and the Socs?

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5. Why do you think S.E. Hinton chose to not use formal English when writing this book?

6. What is your opinion of Ponyboy so far? Explain your opinion.

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Chapter 2 Questions

1. At the drive-in, Dally begins to harass two Soc girls. Ponyboy feels uncomfortable with Dally's behavior and does not join in. What do Ponyboy's actions and feelings tell us about him?

2. Who are the two Soc girls Johnny and Ponyboy talk to at the drive-in?

3. What is the relationship between Dally and Johnny? Was Johnny standing up to Dally unusual? Why or why not?

4. Describe what happened to Johnny in the past. How has this event affected him?

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5. What do you think Cherry means when she says, "Things are rough all over"?

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Chapter 3 Questions

1. What is the difference between Greasers and Socs according to Cherry? Fully explain the difference.
2. What does the sunsent symbolize in this chapter?
3. Who is in the blue Mustang? Which Soc is wearing the rings?
4. Why won't Cherry say hi to Ponyboy in the hallways at school?
5. Describe what happens in the chapter after Cherry and Marcia leave with the Socs.
6. The last line of the chapter reads, "Things gotta get better, I figured. They couldn't get worse. I was wrong." What literary term is this an example of?

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Chapter 5 questions

1. Why is Ponyboy so upset about cutting and bleaching his hair as well as cutting Johnny's hair?
2. What do Johnny and Ponyboy do to pass the time in the church?
3. What does Johnny admire about Dally? Who does he compare Dally to? Why?
4. What sets Ponyboy apart from the other Greasers? What makes him different?
5. What is occurring back home as a result of Bob's death?
6. Who is acting as a spy for the Greasers? Why is this important?
7. Do you think hiding out was the best choice for Ponyboy and Johnny? What is an alternate solution to their problem?

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3. Explain the newspaper article title "Juvenile Delinquents turn Heroes."

Consider the following:

- What is the article about?
 - How does each character react to the title?
 - What does the title mean?
 - Do you think they "turned" heroes, or were they always heroes?
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4. on page 117, Randy tells Ponyboy, "Greasers will still be greasers and Socs will still be Socs."

- What is Randy referring to?
- What decision has Randy made that he shares with Ponyboy?
- Do you agree with Randy's quote? Why or why not?

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Chapter 8 Questions

1. What does Johnny ask for at the hospital? Why does he want this?
2. Who comes to visit Johnny (besides Two-Bit and Ponyboy)? Does he allow this visitor to see him? Would you have made the same decision? Why or why not?
3. How does Johnny feel about dying?
4. How does Dally react to the news of Johnny's condition?
5. What information does Cherry bring Ponyboy and Two-Bit about the rumble?

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Chapter 9 Questions and Analysis

1. Who starts the rumble? Who joins the Greasers at the last minute? Who wins the rumble?

2. On page 147, Dally tells Ponyboy, "I was crazy, you that, kid? Crazy for wantin' Johnny to stay outa trouble, for not wantin' him to get hard. If he'd been like me, he'd never have been in this mess. If he'd got smart like me he'd never have run into that church. That's what you get for helpin' people. Editorials in the paper and a lot of trouble. You'd better wise up, Pony. You get tough like me and you don't get hurt. You look out for yourself and nothin' can touch you."
 - What does Dally mean by this quote?

 - Why does Dally say this to Ponyboy? What just happened? What is going on at this point in the story (before and now, NOT after he says this)?

 - Do you think nothing can touch Dally? Explain your answer.

 - Should Ponyboy follow this advice? Why or why not?

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3. on page 148, Johnny tells Ponyboy, "Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold."

- What does this mean?

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- What is the significance of this advice? Why is it important?

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- How does this advice compare to Dally's advice given earlier in this chapter?

4. How does Dally react to Johnny's death? Why do you think he reacts this way?

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chapter 10 and 11 questions

1. Why couldn't Dally take Johnny's death?
2. Describe what happens to Dally. Did Dally want this? Explain.
3. What is wrong with Ponyboy?
4. What does Johnny leave for Ponyboy?
5. Who comes to visit Ponyboy? What does Ponyboy tell this visitor?

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Chapter 12 Questions and Analysis

1. Throughout the end of the book, Ponyboy keeps insisting that Johnny is not dead and that Ponyboy himself killed Bob. Why does Ponyboy do this? Explain fully using examples from the book.
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2. On page 171, Two-Bit tells Ponyboy, "...listen, don't get tough. You're not like the rest of us and don't try to be."

- Why does Two-Bit tell him this? What has just happened?
- What does Ponyboy think of the advice?
- Is this advice similar to someone else's advice from earlier in the book? Whose advice?
How is it similar? Explain fully.

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3. What does Ponyboy find in the copy of *Gone with the Wind* that Johnny left him?

4. What is Ponyboy's theme (the paper he writes for his English teacher)?
