

The Outsiders

Chapter 1 Quiz



"I was wishing I looked like Paul Newman - he looks tough and I don't - but I guess my looks aren't so bad." Ponyboy, Chapter 1

1. The narrator, Ponyboy, is on his own at the start of the novel because:

- a. Nobody wants to spend time with him
- b. He likes to watch movies undisturbed
- c. He wandered away from his gang and became lost
- d. He simply has no interest in anybody else

2. Ponyboy's feelings towards his brother Sodapop are that he:

- a. Hates being bossed around by him
- b. Pities him because he is so stupid
- c. Loves him more than he's ever loved anyone
- d. Is completely indifferent towards him

3. Ponyboy says Greasers can't really walk alone too much because they:

- a. Get lost far too easily
- b. Might get arrested by the police
- c. Will get jumped by the Socs
- d. Will become lonely and upset

4. Greasers live on which side of town?

- a. North Side
- b. East Side
- c. West Side
- d. South Side

5. 'Socs' is an abbreviation of:

- a. Sockets
- b. Sorcerers
- c. Societies
- d. Socials

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6. Which one of the following is **not** typical behavior from the Socs?

- a. They wreck houses
- b. They throw beer blasts
- c. They jump greasers
- d. They hold up gas stations

7. Which one of the following is **not** something that a greaser typically wears?

- a. Madras shirt
- b. Blue jeans
- c. Leather jacket
- d. Tennis shoes

8. Ponyboy's attitude towards the two groups is that:

- a. Greasers are better than Socs
- b. Socs are better than greasers
- c. Neither group is better than the other
- d. Both groups are a disgrace to society

9. Ponyboy describes the neighborhood where he grew up as:

- a. Full of happiness
- b. Very wealthy
- c. Perfect
- d. Tight-knit

10. Ponyboy informs the reader that, at school, he:

- a. Makes good grades
- b. Bakes good cakes
- c. Wears cool shades
- d. Cheats in tests

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11. The Socs that confront Ponyboy threaten to:

- a. Cut his face
- b. Slash his tires
- c. Rip his jacket
- d. Cut his hair

12. Ponyboy saves himself from the Socs by:

- a. Fighting them off with a broken bottle
- b. Shooting them dead
- c. Screaming for help
- d. Befriending them

13. Ponyboy says that his brother Darry has:

- a. Warm, friendly eyes
- b. Cold, determined eyes
- c. Tired, sorrowful eyes
- d. Angry, blazing eyes

14. Ponyboy claims that his brother, Sodapop, is:

- a. So handsome that people stop on the street to watch him
- b. So frightening that people cross the street to avoid him
- c. So noisy that people often tell him to shut up
- d. So nervous that people often tell him to relax

15. How did greaser Keith Mathews earn his nickname, 'Two-Bit'?

- a. He once bit two Socs during a fight
- b. He always has to get his two-bits worth in
- c. He used to own a car that broke in half
- d. He once fractured his leg in two places

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16. Which member of the gang does Ponyboy describe as "tougher, colder, meaner" than the rest?

- a. Steve Randle
- b. Tim Shepard
- c. Johnny Cade
- d. Dallas Winston

17. Johnny Cade is most loved by:

- a. His older brother
- b. His gang of friends
- c. His caring parents
- d. His girlfriend, Evie

18. After he pulled out his switchblade in biology, Ponyboy felt:

- a. Embarrassed by the horrified reaction of the girl next to him
- b. Proud that he had shown everybody he was a real greaser
- c. Worried that he would get into some sort of trouble
- d. Revolted at the prospect of dissecting a worm

19. Darry gets a back-rub from Sodapop because he:

- a. Has an old football injury that is troubling him
- b. Needs to relax after the attack on Ponyboy
- c. Pulls muscles as a result of the job he does
- d. Is planning on going skiing the following day

20. At the end of the chapter, Sodapop tells Ponyboy that he is going to:

- a. Start attending school again
- b. Leave town to live in the country
- c. Marry his girlfriend, Sandy
- d. Hold up a gas station



Hey, kid! Think you're a real tuff greaser, do ya? Well, ya just notched up a score of ____ out of a possible 20. Savvy? I hope it don't leave ya too hacked off! Now, let's split.