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"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

Chapter 1 Quiz

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.

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