

2017-2018 - Summer Reading - Incoming Grade 8

Name _____ Reading Date _____

***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton**

On a separate sheet of loose leaf paper, answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Who is telling the story? Is it written in 1st or 3rd person point of view?
2. Describe the character traits of Greasers and Soc's.
3. Explain how the Greasers and Soc's get along.
4. What is the difference between "tough" and "tuff"?
5. Do YOU think that Darry loves Pony? Explain your answer.
6. What is a Greaser's definition of friendship? (p. 26)
7. What is a Greaser's definition of a fair fight? (p. 29)
8. According to Two-Bit, why don't the Soc's fight fair? (p. 29)
9. What two rules do all Greasers follow? (p. 29)
10. What request does Cherry make to Ponyboy? Are you surprised by this? Explain. (pp. 45-46)
11. Why does Darry strike Ponyboy? How does Darry feel afterwards? (pp. 49-50)
12. Give TWO reasons for why Darry's hitting Pony upset Pony. (pp. 50-52)
13. The blue Mustang is a symbol (an object that represents one or more ideas). What do you think the blue Mustang symbolizes? Explain.
14. The boys immediately turn to Dally for help. Why is he the logical choice?
15. Write a short response contrasting the life that Ponyboy leads as a Greaser and the life that he is now living on Jay Mountain.
16. How does the appearance of Pony and Johnny change on Jay Mountain?
17. How do Ponyboy and Johnny feel about this change in their appearance?
18. How will others view them now that they have changed appearance?
19. What gift does Johnny bring Pony? Why does Johnny enjoy this gift more than Pony?
20. What does the poem on page 77 mean?
21. One of the major topics of chapter 7 is that "things are rough all over." Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the following:
 - A. things that are rough for the Greasers
 - B. things that are rough for the Socs
 - C. things that are rough for both the Greasers and the Soc's
22. Describe Johnny's medical condition. (pp 102-103)
23. The gang is like an extended family. Explain how. (105-115)
24. Describe Johnny's attitude towards death. (pp. 121-122)
25. What does Dally ask Two-Bit for? What do you think that he will do with it? (p. 125)
26. How do the boys act before the rumble? Explain why they act this way. (pp. 131-137)
27. What are the rules of the rumble? (pp. 140-142)
28. Why does Darry hate Paul Holden so much? (p. 142)
29. What are Johnny's last words? What do you think they mean?
30. How does the letter that Johnny writes to Pony change Pony's attitude and behavior?