The Outsiders
Chapters 1 & 2 Questions & Vocabulary

Directions: Answer all questions on a separate sheet using complete sentences. Be sure to carefully number each response. You will be allowed to use your notes on your final test for The Outsiders. For the vocabulary section, please copy the sentence from the book where each word is used. Use context clues to try to determine the definition. You will be given the correct definition in class. You may record vocabulary information directly on this page.

Chapter One Questions

1. Who is the narrator of the novel? How old is he?
2. What happened to the Curtis boys’ parents?
3. Name the two different groups of teenagers in the novel.
4. What is the difference between “tough” and “tuff”?
5. Why did the Socs beat up Ponyboy on his way home from the movies?
6. Why does Ponyboy have a hard time with his oldest brother (Darry)?
7. How does Ponyboy describe himself as being “different” from the rest of the Greasers?
8. Why did “Two-Bit” get his nickname?
9. How does Ponyboy feel about Steve and why?
10. In what ways is Dallas “Dally” different from the rest of the gang?
11. Why does Ponyboy refer to Johnny Cade as “the gang’s pet” and “everyone’s kid brother”?
12. What kind of girls do greasers usually date and why?

Chapter One Vocabulary

asset (3/6)

slouched (4/7)

unfathomable (10/12)

savvy (17/19)
Chapter Two Questions

13. Where do the Socs hang out?
14. Where do the Greasers hang out?
15. What kind of rules do gang members’ follow in fights?
16. Which Greaser “…had spent three years on the wild side of New York and had been arrested at the age of ten”?
17. Which Greaser looks like “a little dark puppy that has been kicked too many times and is lost in a crowd of strangers…”?
18. What is Johnny’s home life like?
19. When Ponyboy and Johnny first meet Cherry and Marcia at the movies, how do the girls react to the Greasers?
20. Why did Cherry and Marcia leave their dates?
21. Why do you think that Johnny spoke up to Dally at the movies?
22. What does Cherry learn about the Greasers while she is at the movies with Ponyboy and Johnny?
23. What does Ponyboy learn about the Socs while he is talking to Cherry?
24. The last two sentences of Chapter Two are an example of foreshadowing. What is the definition of foreshadowing, and what do you predict will happen in the story based upon the sentences from Chapter Two?

Chapter Two Vocabulary

roguishly (22/22)

winced (23/23)

incredulous (24/24)

nonchalantly (25/25)

bickering (26/26)

vaguely (33/31)

rebellious (34/32)