

# The Outsiders



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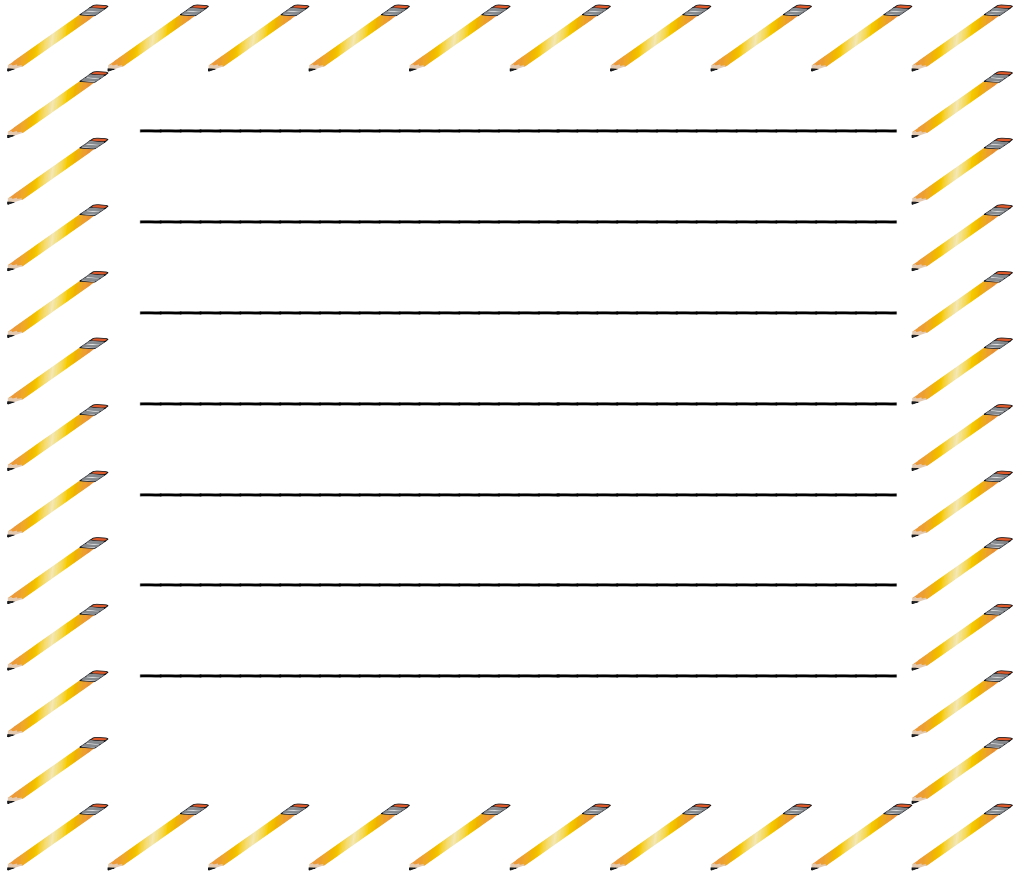
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# Chapter Summaries

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## Chapter 1

1. Who is telling the story of *The Outsiders*? Who is I?

2. What two groups of teenagers does Ponyboy describe? Compare characteristics of each group by using the T-diagram.

<i>Greasers</i>	<i>Socs</i>

3. What happened to Ponyboy on the way home from the movies?
4. Why is Darry upset with Ponyboy? What does this reveal about his character?
5. Why do you think there is so much rivalry between the "Socs" and the "Greasers"?

## Chapter 2

1. Why do you think Johnny spoke up to Dally?
2. What did Cherry learn about the Greasers?
3. What kind of troubles of the Socs might Cherry have been referring to?
4. What were "fair" rules for a gang fight? What did "fair" mean? How were the rules established?

## Chapters 1-2 → Characterization

In the opening chapters of *The Outsiders*, Hinton introduces a number of characters. It is important to distinguish these characters from the start and recognize their relationships to each other. Fill in the following chart.

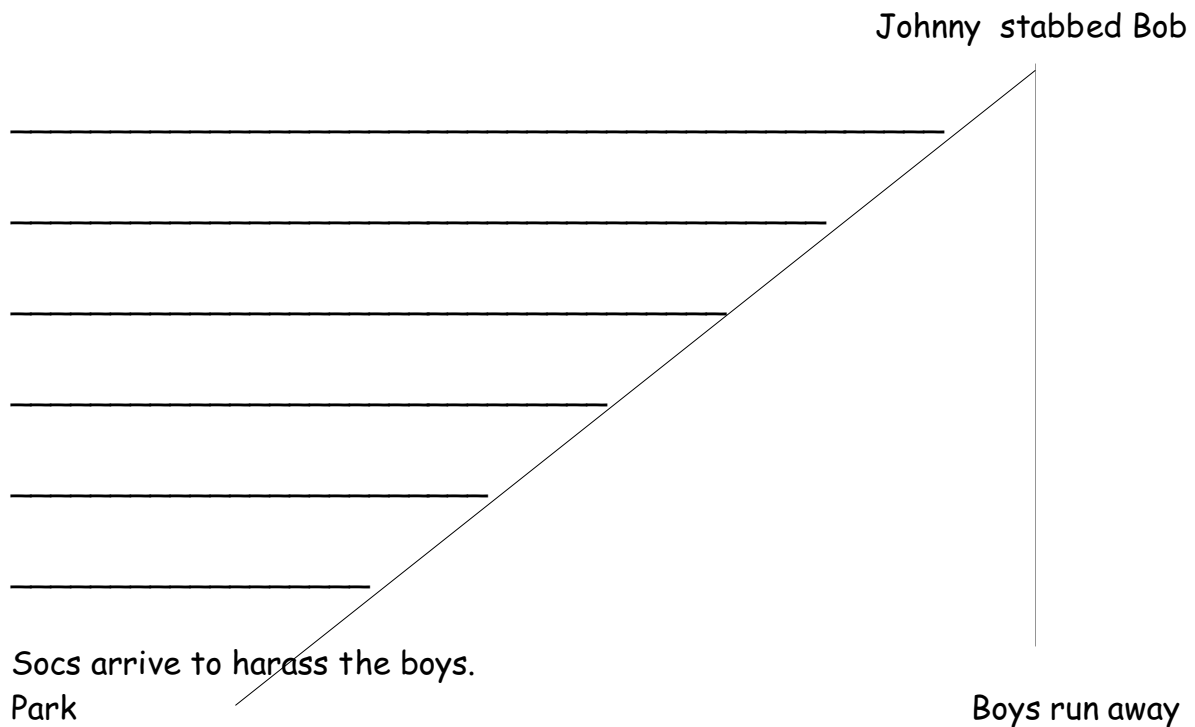
Name	Description	Relation to others
Dally	<b>toughest and meanest of the gang</b>	
Sodapop		
Steve		
Johnny		
Ponyboy		
Two-Bit		
Darry		

### Chapter 3

1. Why do you think Ponyboy and Cherry told each other things they never told anyone else before?
2. How does Ponyboy feel about Darry?
3. How does Ponyboy think Darry feels about him? Why does he feel this way?

### Chapter 4

1. Complete the following diagram by listing the actions that lead to the problem.



## Chapter 5

1. Based on the supplies Johnny got, what can you conclude about Johnny?
2. What do you think the poem by Robert Frost on page 77 means? Why do you think Ponyboy remembered this poem?
3. How did Johnny feel about Dally?
4. How could Cherry be a spy for the Greasers?

## Chapter 6

1. Why did Johnny decide they should turn themselves in?
2. Why did Ponyboy and Johnny try to save the children?
3. What did Ponyboy learn about Darry? Why was it so hard for Darry to show Ponyboy he cared about him in a way that Ponyboy would understand?
4. What did Ponyboy mean when he said "I had taken the long way around, but I was finally home. To stay."?

## Chapter 7

1. Was the headline "Juvenile Delinquents Turn Heroes" accurate or not? Explain.
2. What is implied, but not stated, about Sodapop's and Sandy's situation?
3. What is it about Ponyboy that made others confide in him?
4. What did Ponyboy learn from Randy about the Socs?

## Chapter 8

1. Why did Ponyboy and Two-Bit think they couldn't get along without Johnny?
2. Did Johnny know he was going to die? How did he feel about that?

3. Compare Johnny's mother with Ponyboy's mother

Johnny's mom	Ponyboy's mom
Looks	Looks
Acts	Acts
Says	Says
Feels	Feels

## Chapter 9

1. Why do the boys put on more hair oil than was necessary?
2. Do you think that Johnny died happy? Explain.
3. What did Johnny mean when he told Ponyboy to "stay gold"?

## Chapter 10

1. Do you think the rumble was worth the trouble? Why or why not?
2. Why did Dally want to die?
3. Why did Ponyboy tell himself not to think, not to remember?

## Chapter 11

1. Why was Ponyboy concerned about his friends seeing his house, but not about Randy seeing his house?
2. Why did Ponyboy say he'd killed Bob and that Johnny wasn't dead?

## Chapter 12

1. What do you think the doctor told the judge before the hearing?
2. Why did Ponyboy's life seem so different after the hearing?
3. Was Darry right that Ponyboy was living in a vacuum and that this situation couldn't go on? What does "living in a vacuum" mean?
4. Why was Sodapop upset?

