

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Study Guide with Test Review and Study Questions**  
**The Outsiders**

**TEST:** A test on the book will be given the first week of school.

**\*Test Review**

**\*Character Identification:** Match the characteristic of each of the following character.

**\*Ponyboy Curtis**

**\*Sodapop Curtis**

**\*Darrell “Darry” Curtis**

**\*Socials or Socs**

**\*Greasers**

**\*Keith “Two Bit” Matthews**

**\*Johnny Cade**

**\*Steve Randle**

**\*Dallas “Dally” Winston**

**\*Sandy**

**\*Cherry Valance**

**\*Curly Shepard**

**\*Bob**

**\*Randy**

**\*Reading Comprehension:** True/False Questions on Events in the Novel

**\*Reading Comprehension:** Multiple Choice Questions on Events in the Novel

**\*Quotations:** Match the quote from the novel to the speaker

**\*Author Information:** Questions about the author, S. E. Hinton; Notes will be given in class.

**\*Outside Information Related to the Novel:** Notes will be given in Class.

**The Outsiders Chapter Study Questions**

This is NOT a comprehensive review sheet. The questions are intended to GUIDE you, not cover all of the specific material on the test. Reading the novel will fill in the gaps in

the questions.

## Chapter 1

1. From what building is Ponyboy coming out when the book opens?
2. What happens to Pony's parents? Who raises him now?
3. Who trails Pony home? What do they do to him? Who saves him?
4. Why does Pony think Darry does not like him? Who always takes up for Pony?
5. What did Darry have to give up in order to provide for the boys? Soda reminds Pony that Darry loves him. Does Pony believe him?

## Chapter 2

6. What does Dally start doing with 2 Soc girls? What are their names?
7. Why does Pony say one must stand up for one's buddies in a gang? Where are the girls' boyfriends?
8. Who joins them at the drive-in? Who is looking for Dally? Why?
9. What happened to Johnny 4 months earlier? How many Socs were there and what kind of car were they in? What does Johnny vow will never happen again? What does he carry now?
10. What insight does Cherry share with Pony about the Socs? What does she mean when she says "things are rough all over"? Does Pony believe her?

## Chapter 3

11. What was the name of Soda's horse and what happened to him? What was Soda's reaction?
12. What does Pony realize about the sunset that ties him and Cherry together? What does it say about 2 individuals who seem so different?
13. As the Greasers are walking the girls home, who pulls up beside them? What does Pony realize about the black-haired Soc?
14. What kind of place does Johnny wish he lived in? What do Pony and Johnny

realize when they wake up?

15. How does Darry react when Pony comes in late? What does Pony do in response?

#### Chapter 4

16. Who surrounds Pony and Johnny in the park?

17. What does Bob do to Pony before he blacks out? How is Pony saved?

18. Why is Johnny not nervous anymore?

19. What does Dally provide them with?

20. How do Pony and Johnny get to Windrixville?

21. What excuse do Pony and Johnny use when asking directions to Jay Mountain? Where on Jay Mountain do they hide?

#### Chapter 5

22. Where is Johnny when Pony wakes up the next morning? Name some of the items he bought?

23. What do Pony and Johnny do to their hair?

24. How do Pony and Johnny kill time over the next 4-5 days? What impressed Johnny about the book they are reading? How was Dally "gallant" according to Johnny?

25. When Dally shows up, he gives Pony a letter. Who is it from? Where do the police think Pony and Johnny are?

26. What does Dally say is going to happen tomorrow night? What are the terms of the event? Who is the spy for the Greasers that assures them the terms will be kept?

#### Chapter 6

27. Why is Cherry helping the Greasers? What is she willing to testify in court about Bob's killing?

28. What does Johnny decide he is going to do? Why?
29. What is happening to the church as they pull up? Who else is there?
30. What does Pony notice about Johnny as they run into the church to rescue the children?
31. Who is in the ambulance with Pony when he wakes up? What saves him from being burned badly?
32. What does Pony realize about Darry when he sees him? What has been Darry's silent fear all along?

## Chapter 7

33. Is Johnny expected to live?
34. Why do the Curtis brothers never keep the front door locked at night?
35. According to the newspaper article titled " Juvenile Delinquents Turn Heroes," who else testifies besides Cherry that the Socs were in the wrong? What possibility does for Soda and Pony does the article mention?
36. Who tails Pony and Two-Bit to the Tasty Freeze? Who talks with Pony alone?
37. What does he tell Pony that Bob wanted from his parents or from anyone? Why?
38. Why is this person not going to the rumble?

## Chapter 8

39. What 2 things do Johnny want Pony and Two-Bit get for him?
40. What does Johnny say when his mother comes to see him? How does she respond when she sees Two-Bit and Pony in the hallway?
41. What does Cherry tell them about the rumble?
42. Why does she refuse to see Johnny? What made Bob special, according to Cherry? How does Pony react to her? What comments cause them to part as friends?

43. Why does Pony say that Darry is better than anyone else here?
44. Who is going to start the rumble and why?
45. Why were most of the Greasers worried about the “no weapons” rule?
46. Who stands up to take Darry on? Why does this stun Pony and Soda?
47. Who wins the rumble?
48. What does Johnny tell Pony before he dies? What does this mean?

## Chapter 10

49. Of what decision does Pony convince himself at first?
50. Why can't Dally take the fact that Johnny is dead, according to Pony?
51. When Darry answers the phone, what do they learn about Dally? Where do they go to meet him and what happens?
52. What does Pony realize Dally wanted all along?
53. What did Johnny leave for Pony before he died?

## Chapter 11

54. Who comes to see Pony at home? Is he going to tell the truth at the hearing?
55. What does Darry call Pony at the end of the chapter? What does this show about their relationship?

## Chapter 12

56. What does Pony's English teacher offer to let him do to be able to pass the class with a “C”?
57. When Pony yells back at Darry, what does Darry tell Pony about living and losing someone you love?
58. Why does Pony pretend Johnny is still alive?

59. What does he find in Johnny's copy of *Gone with the Wind*? What does Johnny ask Pony to tell Dally?

60. What does Pony decide to write his composition about? How does it begin? Why is this important?

### Quotations from The Outsiders: Who said?

\*"sixteen years ain't long enough":

\*"Why do people sell liquor to boys? Why? I know there's a law against it, but kids get it anyway."

\*"To have somebody lay down the law, set the limits, give him something solid to stand on> That's what we all want, really."

\*"There sure is a lot of blood in people."

\*"He's hard as a rock and about as human ... He thinks I'm a pain in the neck..."

\*"I can't stand fights ... I can't stand them..."

\*"...you don't just stop living because you lose someone. I thought you knew that by now. You don't quit!"

\*"Things were rough all over, but it was better that way. That way you could tell the other guy was human, too."

\*"If they win, things go on as usual. If we do, they stay outa our territory but good."

\*"Rat race is a perfect name for it. We're always going and going and going, and never asking where."

\*"I think I like it better when the old man's hittin me."