

Chapter Twelve

1. When he returns to school, Ponyboy has a difficult time concentrating. Why?

2. What does Two-Bit mean when he tells Ponyboy “you’re not like the rest of us”?

3. Why does Two-Bit grin when Ponyboy is picking up the glass?

4. What does Darryl tell Ponyboy about the deaths of Dallas and Johnny?

5. Sandy has returned Soda’s letter unopened, and he is upset about that. Why, though, does he run out of the house?

6. What does Soda mean when he says, "If you don't have anything, you end up like Dallas... and I don't mean dead either. I mean like he was before. And that's worse than dead"?

7. What does Ponyboy finally understand about Darryl?

8. In his letter to Ponyboy, Johnny explains what he meant when he said "stay gold." Put his explanation into your own words.

9. When he sits down to write his English theme, how is Ponyboy different from the way he is at the opening of this chapter?

10. How has he changed since the beginning of the novel?
