

The Outsiders

Chapter One

VOCABULARY

asset – a positive
smarting – feeling pain

1. Who is the narrator in this story? Describe him.

2. Who are the Socs? Who are the greasers?

3. Identify the following characters: Darryl, Sodapop, Steve Randall, Dallas Winston, and Johnny.

4. How did Two-Bit Mathews get his name? What type of stealing is his specialty?

5. Soda tells Ponyboy that Darryl keeps after him because the older boy loves his younger brother. Why does Ponyboy think that Soda is wrong?

6. Ponyboy tells the reader that Darryl grew up too fast and that Sodapop has never grown up at all. He concludes: "I don't know which way's the best. I'll find out one of these days." From this, what would you suppose this novel is going to be about?

7. What literary term is used in the quotations in question 6?

8. What is Ponyboy's guess as to why Dallas is bitter about life?
