

**Chapter Nine**

VOCABULARY

contracted - tensed muscles  
agony - great pain  
bolted - run off

1. Sometimes Ponyboy seems ashamed to be a greaser; sometimes he seems proud to be one. How is he feeling about this in this Chapter?

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2. Why is Darryl, who is older, brighter and more clean cut than most of the others, getting in this fight?

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3. Why does Ponyboy think that he, Darryl, and the others do not really belong with the Brumley boys and Tim Shepard's gang?

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4. Why does Pony say the Socs get away with a lot while the greasers get blamed for everything?

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5. Do you find Ponyboy's observation in question four to be accurate?

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6. Ponyboy says that Darryl looked jealous and ashamed. Why would he be having those feelings at this time?

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7. What does Johnny mean when he tells Ponyboy, "Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold"?

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