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The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

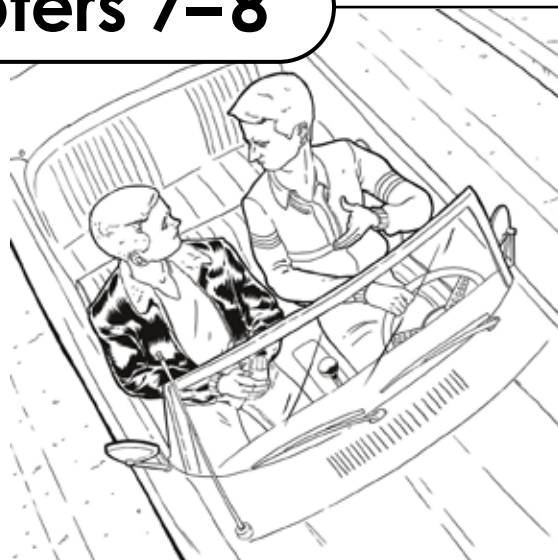
The Outsiders: Chapters 7–8

Chapter 7

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- a. He made them laugh.
- b. He confused them.
- c. He injured one of them.
- d. He was angry at them.



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3. Fill in the details about the boys' injuries.

Johnny's condition	Dally's condition

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4. Which statement about the Curtis household is true?
- a. They always lock the doors because it's in a crime-ridden area.
 - b. The first one up makes breakfast, then the others do the dishes.
 - c. They always keep vanilla cake in the house.
 - d. Darry and Pony cook, and Soda does the shopping.
5. Based on the statements she gave the press for the article, which adjective best describes Cherry Valance?
- a. selfish
 - b. innocent
 - c. honest
 - d. emotional



- a. carrying a concealed weapon like a switchblade
 - b. armed with a gun because it's deadlier than a knife
 - c. a wealthy person with police support
 - d. another social outcast
8. How does the interaction between Randy and Ponyboy show that both characters have developed over time? How has their relationship changed? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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Chapter 8

1. Read the following excerpt.

"The nurses wouldn't let us see Johnny. He was in critical condition. No visitors. But Two-Bit wouldn't take no for an answer. That was his buddy in there and he aimed to see him. We both begged and pleaded, but we were getting nowhere until the doctor found out what was going on.

'Let them go in,' he said to the nurse. 'He's been asking for them. It can't hurt now.' Two-Bit didn't notice the expression in his voice."

Based on this interaction, what can you infer about Johnny's condition?



- d. the Socs; Ponyboy realized Johnny is worth more than their wealth
3. Which accurately describes Johnny's mother's hospital visit?
- a. Johnny is reluctant to see her, but the nurses convince him that he should hear her out.
 - b. Johnny is passed out, so he misses her visit. Two-Bit and Ponyboy take the opportunity to scold her on his behalf.
 - c. Ponyboy and Two-Bit run interference to stop her from seeing Johnny.
 - d. Johnny refuses to see her, and Two-Bit snaps at her when she insults him and Ponyboy.
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- a. Dally is genuinely concerned about Johnny's health.
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5. What does Two-Bit mean when he says, "The only thing that keeps Darry from bein' a Soc is us"? Do you agree with this statement?

6. Who decides to skip the rumble?

a. Sandy



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8. Explain the significance of Ponyboy asking Cherry whether she can "see the sunset real good" on the West Side and claiming he can also "see it good from the East Side." How does this motif (repeated symbol) connect to larger themes? Use specific examples from the text.

ANSWER KEY

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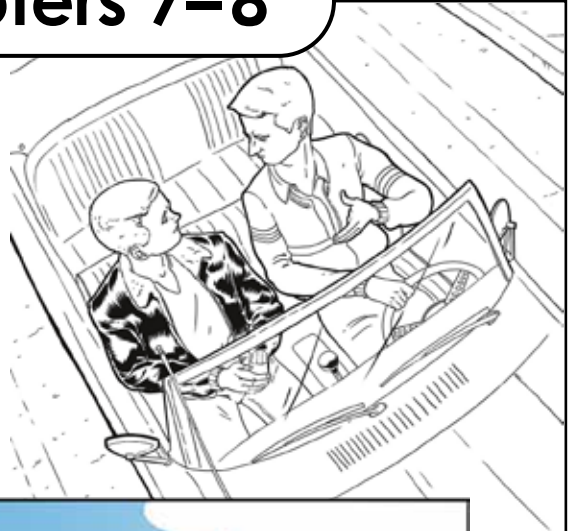
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Answers may vary. An example is: Sunsets were one of the first things that Cherry and Ponyboy found common ground on. She said he seemed kind enough to watch them, and he realized everyone watched the same sunset. Sunsets are a reminder that the greasers and Socs have a lot in common and that, despite their differences, they are all struggling teenagers at the end of the day.