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Johnny's final words are to Ponyboy: "Stay gold." What does this mean? Discuss the symbolism in both the phrase and in Johnny's death scene as a whole. How do they connect to an important theme in the novel, and how does this moment affect Ponyboy's and the reader's understanding of it? Support your explanations with specific details from the text.



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