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The Outsiders: Chapters 9–10

Chapter 9

1. Why don't the boys wear jackets to the rumble?
 - a. Jackets make them overheat.
 - b. Jackets are too easy for others to grab.
 - c. Jackets interfere with their ability to punch.
 - d. Jackets are a point of pride too valuable to risk damaging.
2. Why do you think Ponyboy asks the other greasers for the reason that they fight?
How does his own reasoning differ?



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4. Use direct quotes to explain why Socs aren't blamed for their wrongdoings while greasers are.

5. What is the primary rule for this particular rumble?

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| a. Weapons aren't allowed. | b. Blades are allowed, but no guns. |
| c. No females can participate. | d. Whoever draws first blood wins. |

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6. Who is Paul Holden? How has his relationship with Darry changed over time? How does this relate to one of the novel's major themes?

7. Why was Dally able to leave the hospital?



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9. Use text evidence to describe Dally's emotional state both before and immediately after Johnny's passing. What does this reveal about Dally?

10. What are Johnny's final words?

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The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

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Chapter 10

1. Which describes how Ponyboy got home from the hospital?
 - a. Dallas drove him home, in tears the whole time.
 - b. He calls Darry to come get him but can't remember it.
 - c. He wanders, dazed, until a random man drives him home.
 - d. He stands outside until an officer sees he is injured and takes him home.



2. What did Ponyboy mean when he said Dally "ran out like the devil was after him"?



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4. About how long was Ponyboy delirious?
 - a. one night
 - b. one full day
 - c. two full days
 - d. two and a half days
5. Infer why Ponyboy is worried that he didn't call for Darry while sick. What does it say about their relationship?

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6. In this chapter, Ponyboy repeatedly tells himself not to do things: "Don't think of them," "Don't remember," etc. What tone does this create? That is, what does it reveal about how Ponyboy feels, and how?

7. Which is *not* a concern Ponyboy expresses after waking?

a. his clothes make up all his missed schoolwork



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Oh, you were in there the most of the time. When you kept saying that Johnny didn't mean to kill that Soc. Hey, I didn't know you didn't like baloney.' I went cold. 'I don't like it. I never liked it.'

Make an inference about why Ponyboy reacts and responds that way.

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2. Why do you think Ponyboy chooses to fight? What does he stand for? How does his own reason differ?

Answers will vary but must acknowledge that Ponyboy believes there is any good reason to fight for self-defense.



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4. Use direct quotes to explain how society judges while greasers are.

Society judges based on looks. The greasers "look hoody."

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6. Who is Paul Holden? How has his relationship with Darry changed over time? How does this relate to one of the novel's major themes?

Paul and Darry were on the football team together in high school. They “used to buddy it around all the time.” However, Paul now seems to look at Darry with “contempt and pity and hate.” Darry also “hated Paul now.” This highlights the theme of social groups needing to cope.

7. Why was Dally almost taken to the hospital?

- a. He argued with doctors until they declared him mentally ill.
b. He threatened a nurse by pulling a switchblade on her.



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9. Use text evidence to describe Dally's emotional state both before and immediately after Johnny's death. What does this reveal about Dally?

Evidence will vary, but should indicate Dally's frantic state, such as “ragg[ing]”

Ponyboy or “flick[ing]” the switchblade at the doctor prior to

Johnny's death, and “his face [was] white as paper.” Students may also

note how he gently speaks to Johnny just after Johnny's death. His actions reveal

the depth of his care for Johnny.

10. What are Johnny's final words?

“Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold...”

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d. He stands outside until morning when he is injured and taken home.

2. What did Ponyboy mean when he said Dally "ran out like the wind" after him?

a. Dally ran away quickly.

b. Dally was in a rage.

c. Dally was crying.

d. Dally was crying.



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then blew it up with a weapon. He knows it will make the cops hate him, and he "wanted to" make a statement.

4. About how long was Ponyboy delirious?

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c. two full days

5. Infer why Ponyboy is worried that he didn't call for Darry while sick. What does it say about their relationship?

Answers may vary. An example is: Ponyboy is worried because he thinks he hurt Darry's feelings by not calling for him. This shows that he cares for Darry and his emotions just like Darry cares for him and his.

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6. In this chapter, Ponyboy repeatedly tells himself not to do things: "Don't think of them," "Don't remember," etc. What tone does this create? That is, what does it reveal about how Ponyboy feels, and how?

Answers may vary. An example is: The repetition shows how in denial Ponyboy is about Johnny and Dally dying. It makes it feel like he is desperate not to think about them and the associated pain it causes him, so he keeps reminding himself.

7. Which is *not* a conclusion Ponyboy expresses after waking up in the hospital?
- a. his ability to do all his missed schoolwork
 - b. the fear that the Socs will retaliate after the rumble's outcome



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I went from loving it to hating it. I never liked it."

Make an inference about how Ponyboy reacts and responds to the situation.

Answers may vary. Ponyboy goes from loving the rumble to hating it while hiding out with Johnny, and being reminded of the rumble makes him think about in the wake of Johnny's death. // After being in the hospital for five days while in hiding with Johnny, he genuinely grew to dislike it.