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## STUDY GUIDE

*Complete the questions as you read and study the novel. You will increase your understanding, and have a valuable tool for test review.*

### Chapter 1

1. Who is the narrator of *The Outsiders*?
2. What two groups of teenagers does Ponyboy describe? Compare the two groups.
3. Why did the Socs beat up Ponyboy?
4. Why did Ponyboy have a hard time with his oldest brother?
5. How are Ponyboy and his friends like you? Different than you?
6. Why do you think the author uses non-standard English?

### Chapter 2

1. Where do the Socs and Greasers hang out? What do they do for fun?
2. How do the Greasers learn more about the Socs?
3. What kind of rules do gang members follow in fights?
4. How could Cherry be a problem for Dally?

### Chapter 3

1. Why do you think Ponyboy and Cherry become good friends?
2. Do the characters in this book seem "real"? Why or why not? How does the author try to make them believable?

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3. Why did Cherry and Marcia leave their dates?
4. Why do you think Darry hit Ponyboy?

#### **Chapter 4**

1. Who (Greasers or Socs) do you think was wrong in the situation in this chapter? Why?
2. If you had been one of the Socs how would you have felt after Bob was stabbed? If you had been one of the Greasers, how would you have felt after Bob was stabbed? What would cause the difference?
3. Why did Ponyboy turn to Dally for help?

#### **Chapter 5**

1. Do you think hiding out was the best thing for Johnny and Ponyboy to do? Why or why not?
2. What did Johnny admire about Dally?
3. Why did the boys cut their hair? Does the length of hair mean much to the boys? Is it important to you? to adults you know?