

Chapters 1 and 2: Questions – Due: Friday, May 17

Answer the following in complete sentences and paragraphs:

1. With what social group does Ponyboy identify himself from the first paragraph of the book? How is he like the others in his group? How is he different from his peer group?
2. Tell about Ponyboy's family. Who are his family members and what are they like? What is Pony's relationship with each of his brothers?
3. Who are the other "members" of Pony's social group? Describe each person.
4. When Cherry said, "Things are rough all over," what did she mean?

Chapters 3 and 4: Point of view piece – Due: Thursday, May 23

Consider these two chapters from the point of view of either Bob or Johnny. Rewrite the scene in the park in *first person, present tense*, as either of these two characters. Think about what might be going through their minds as the scene unfolds. Both are thinking about more than just the violence that gets played out in the park. Are they thinking about their friends? Their families? The other social group? What are their emotions throughout the scene?

Chapters 5 and 6: Poem analysis – Due: Wednesday, May 29

In Chapter 5, Ponyboy recites Robert Frost's poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay." In a paragraph, discuss what you think the poem means. You can go line by line or refer to certain lines in your interpretation. The poem also has a lot of meaning personally for Pony and Johnny. Discuss in a second paragraph how the poem applies to their lives and the lives of the rest of the Greasers.

Chapters 7 and 8: Character metaphor mini-poster – Due: Friday, May 31

Choose an important character from the book. Think about three metaphors (or similes) that you might use to describe that character. For example, Johnny is a stick of dynamite ready to explode, or Dally is a wild colt that cannot be tamed. When you've come up with your three metaphors for your character, make your mini poster (on a sheet of plain, 8½ x 11 paper)

Chapters 9 and 10: Peer relations quotes – Due: Tuesday, June 4

“I’m a greaser, same as Dally. He’s my buddy.” -Ponyboy (p.23)

“You take up for your buddies, no matter what they do. When you’re a gang, you stick up for the members. If you don’t stick up for them, stick together, make like brothers, it isn’t a gang anymore. It’s a pack.” -Ponyboy (p.26)

“All Socs aren’t like that...That’s like saying all you greasers are like Dallas Winston.” -Cherry (p.34)

“It seemed funny to me that Socs- if these girls were any example- were just like us.” -Ponyboy (p.37)

“I mean...if I see you in the hall at school or someplace and don’t say hi, it’s not personal or anything...” -Cherry (p.45)

“Socs were just guys after all. Things were rough all over, but it was better that way.” -Ponyboy (p.118)

“You know, the only thing that keeps Darry from bein’ a Soc is us.” -Two Bit (p.126)

“Darry and the Soc walked slowly in a circle. Even I could feel their hatred. They used to be buddies, I thought, they used to be friends, and now they hate each other because one has to work for a living and the other comes from the West side.” -Ponyboy (p.143)

Choose two quotes from the list above. For each quote you choose, explain how the quote parallels or reminds you of social relationships you see in your everyday life. Write one paragraph for each quote. Obviously, there aren’t Greasers and Socs at CNBA, but there are different social groups. How do the quotes you chose apply to the social group or individuals?