*The Outsiders* – Chapters 1 & 2 Comprehension Questions

Chapter One Questions

1. Discuss the narrator’s description of himself.
2. Explain why Ponyboy likes to go to the movies alone.
3. Describe Ponyboy’s experience on the way home from the movies.
4. Discuss what happened to the parents of the narrator.
5. Infer why Ponyboy was so reluctant to tell Darry how he really feels afterward.
6. Discuss how Two-Bit got his nickname. What is his real name?
7. Contrast Dally from the rest of the guys from Ponyboy’s point of view.

Chapter Two Questions

1. Why do you think Dally’s spoke to the girls the way he did at the movies?
2. From their reactions to insults, what can you conclude about the girls’ personalities?
3. Explain why the girls are okay with Johnny and Ponyboy, but not Dally.
4. Indicate how Two-Bit scares Johnny and Pony. Relate why it is especially frightening to Johnny.
5. Discuss a rule that the Greasers follow, besides ―stick together. How do you think these rules came to be?
6. Describe the attack on Johnny. Why do you think the attack was so traumatic to him?