

*The Outsiders*  
**Comprehension and Discussion Questions**  
Chapters 3-4

Answer the following questions in complete sentence form. Give examples from the text to support your responses. Responses should also include vocabulary words from chapters 3-4.

1. What did Cherry say to Ponyboy that caused "a nerve of bitterness" to grow inside him?

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2. Explain how Darry acted as a parent when Ponyboy arrived home late. Describe Ponyboy's reaction. What would you have done in this situation if you were Darry?

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3. In Chapter 2 the author used foreshadowing to suggest that Johnny might kill someone. Cite evidence of foreshadowing for the events that occurred in chapter 4.

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4. Do you think that Johnny was justified in killing Bob? Cite textual evidence/support for your reasons.

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5. Explain why Ponyboy and Johnny turned to Dally for help. In what ways did Dally aid the boys?

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6. **Essential Question:** What are the characteristics of a true friend? Think about the events that occurred in chapter 4. Is Ponyboy and Johnny's friendship a true friendship? Are Ponyboy and Johnny both true friends? Explain why or why not. Cite evidence from the text as support

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