

*The Outsiders*  
Comprehension and Discussion Questions  
Chapters 5-6

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 5-6.

1. Ponyboy resisted having his hair cut. Why do you think the Greasers place such high value on their hair? 2 pts

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2. Based on the supplies Johnny bought, what can be concluded about his character? How has Johnny changed as a result of the problems he has been forced to face? 2 pts

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3. In what way did Johnny compare Dally to the Southern gentlemen in *Gone with the Wind*? 2 pts

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4. How did Bob's murder affect the relationship between the Socs and the Greasers? What surprising news did Dally give Johnny and Ponyboy about Cherry? 2 pts

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5. Why did Johnny decide to turn himself in to the police? What were Ponyboy and Dally's reactions to Johnny's decision? 3 pts

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6. Describe how Ponyboy and Johnny act heroically. What conclusions can be drawn about their characters as a result of their actions? Be specific and describe in detail *3pts*

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7. What made Ponyboy realize at last that Darry loved him? Explain what he meant by "I was finally home to stay." *2pts*

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8. Why wouldn't Dally go into the church for the kids, but he did go in for Johnny? What can be concluded about Dally's character as a result of his actions? Explain in detail *3pts*

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9. How have Johnny's parents reacted to his running away? Describe how this reaction was foreshadowed earlier in the text. Explain in detail. *2pts*

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10. **Essential Question:** Why is it important to take responsibility for our actions? Should Johnny turn himself in to the police because he committed a crime? For what reasons would it be important for him to take responsibilities for his actions? Explain in detail. *4pts*

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