Questions for The Outsiders

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences using specific examples from the film.

1. Characterize Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dally. How are they similar? How are they different?

2. What conflicts exist between the “Greasers” and the “Socs”?

3. What circumstances compel Ponyboy and Johnny to run away from home?

4. How does Dally help Ponyboy and Johnny?

5. Describe Ponyboy’s relationship with his brothers, Soda Pop & Daryl.

6. How do Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dallas become heroes? How do they each react to their new “fame”?

7. What is the cause of the big rumble toward the end of the film?

8. Who is Cherry Valance? How does she feel about Ponyboy? Why does she decide to help him?

9. Why does Johnny tell Ponyboy to “stay gold”?

10. What happens after the rumble to: Ponyboy? Johnny? Dally?