

The Outsiders: Chapters 1-12

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1. In the **First-Next-Then** organizer below, draw a cartoon relating the **exposition** of *The Outsiders*. First identify the **setting** and **protagonist**. Next, show the **conflict**. Then, show the **resolution** of the opening scene. Write a **summarizing** sentence in each box OR use dialogue bubbles to explain the action.

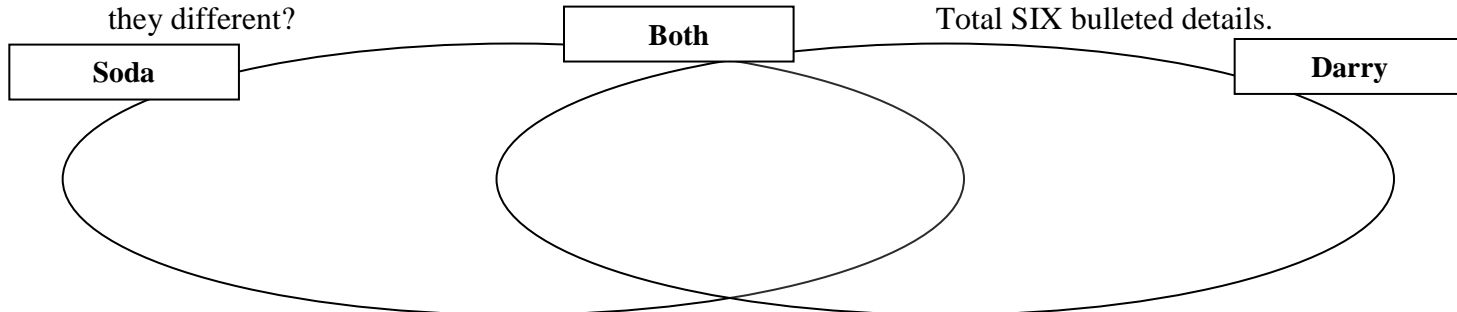
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2. **Compare** and **contrast** Soda and Darry's personalities &/or behaviors. How are they alike? How are they different? Total SIX bulleted details.

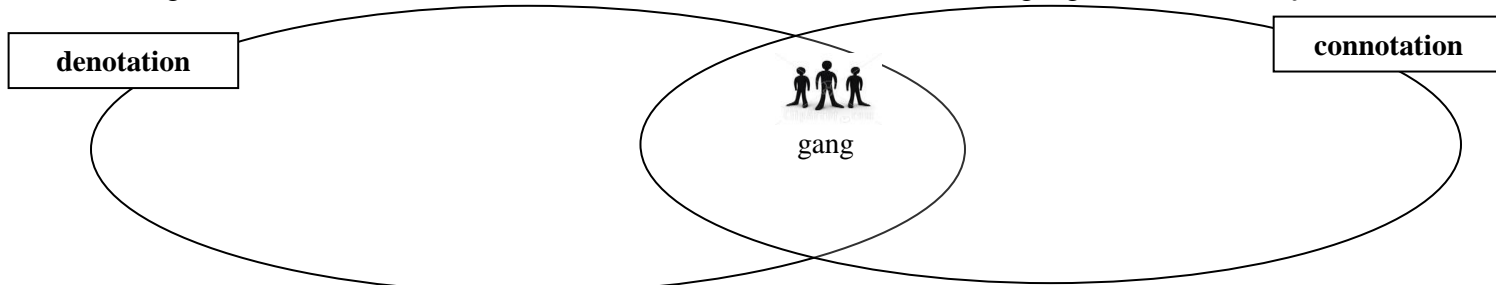


3. Make an **inference** about **motive**. Explain **WHY** you think the Soda and Darry—two young men raised by the same parents—have such different personalities. Include specific details from the text in your response.

4. Draw a picture of a typical Soc and Greaser. In images, include at least five specific **items that characterize their attitudes and behaviors**. (For example: Greaser-leather jacket.) Label the items.

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5. To the left, write the most accurate **dictionary definition** of *gang* as it applies in *The Outsiders*. On the right, write the THREE words that the Greasers associate with their gang. (What does it **symbolize**?)



6. Using images in the cause box, explore a factor that has led Johnny to become who he is. In the effect box, write a) **adjective** describing Johnny and b) a word-for-word supporting **passage** from the book.

Cause (What happened?)

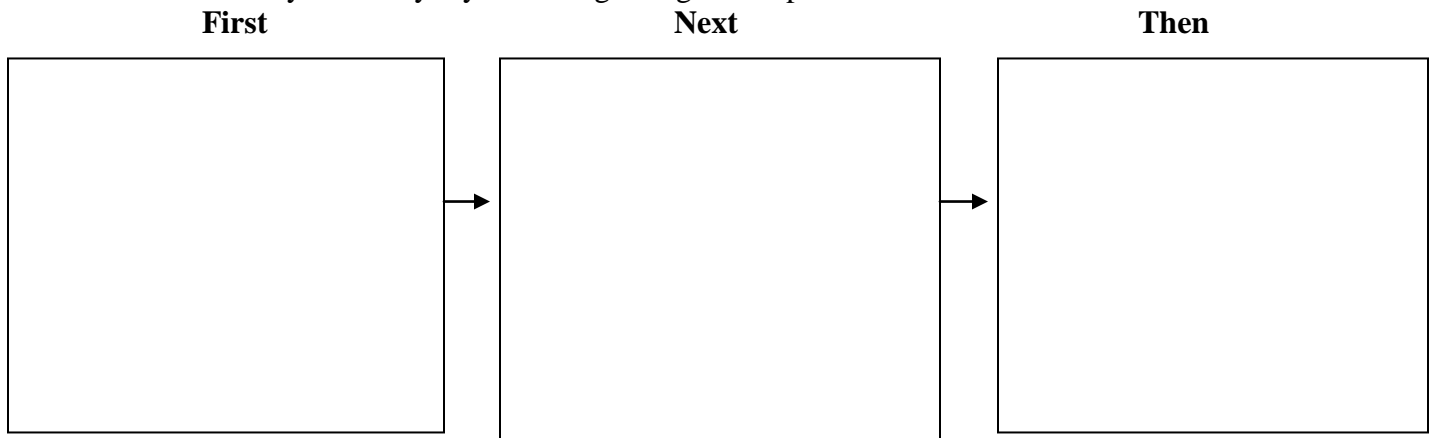
Effect (How did it affect his personality?)

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7. Dally is a lying, stealing, rabble-rousing hoodlum, yet he will not cheat at the rodeo. **Why** is Dally honest in this one thing? **Explain** your reasoning. (Hint: In Chapter 5, Johnny describes Dally as gallant--courageous and honorable—and gives an example to illustrate his point. Read this.)

<p>“You might have thought it was Dally who fixed those races for Buck, being a jockey and all, but it wasn’t. The last guy to suggest it lost three teeth. .. Dally rode the ponies honestly and did his best to win. It was the only thing Dally did honestly.” (<i>The Outsiders</i>, 61)</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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8. In the **First-Next-Then** organizer, **summarize** with WORDS and IMAGES the traumatic events that occur to Johnny and Ponyboy at the beginning of Chapter 4.



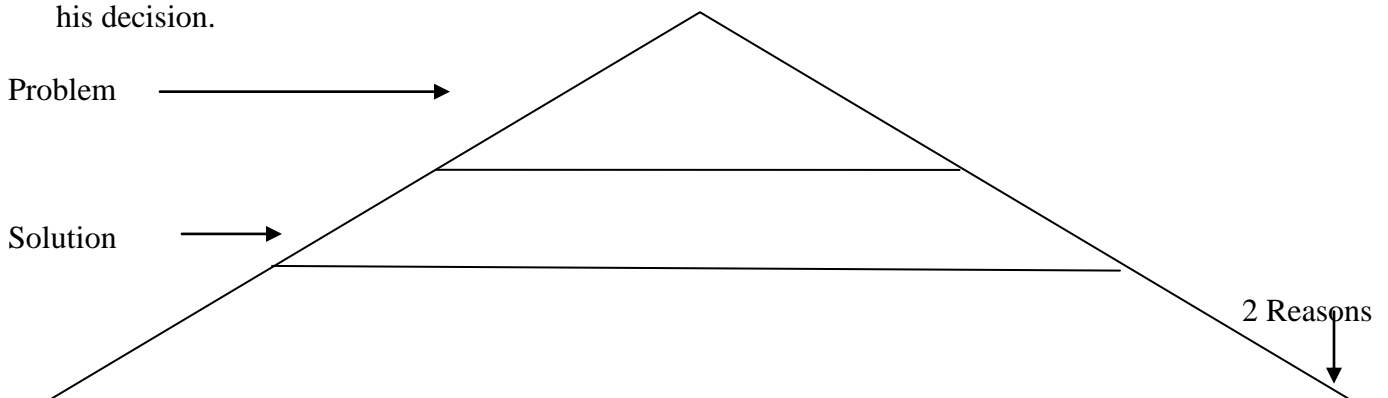
9. Darry blows up at Ponyboy and Ponyboy runs away. In very little time, the situation spirals out of control. **Make a text-to-world connection** to *The Outsiders*. a) Describe a recent event in the news in which something minor escalated out of control. b) Include an image that supports your answer.

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10. The poem “Nothing Gold Can Stay” by Robert Frost explains how nothing good can last. In words and images, **make a text-to-text comparison** to a situation in *The Outsiders* and the message in the poem.

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11. As Dally, Johnny, and Ponyboy sit eating in the car, Johnny makes a decision about his future. What is Johnny’s **problem**? What **solution** does he propose? Finally, give **TWO** of his **reasons** for coming to his decision.



12. Mark Twain said, “Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear.” Applying this definition, **explain** why Johnny is a hero. **Draw** an image that illustrates the specific incident.

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13. One of the **themes** of *The Outsiders* can be summed up in Cherry’s words: It’s tough all over. (Everyone, no matter his or her social or economic status, has problems.) Before the rumble, Randy, Bob’s best friend, approaches Ponyboy at the Tasty Freeze. According to Randy, Bob’s problem was that his parents never set limits. In images show the solution that Randy suggests. What do you think of Randy’s solution? Using specifics, **explain why** you agree or disagree with Randy.

Randy’s Solution

Your Opinion

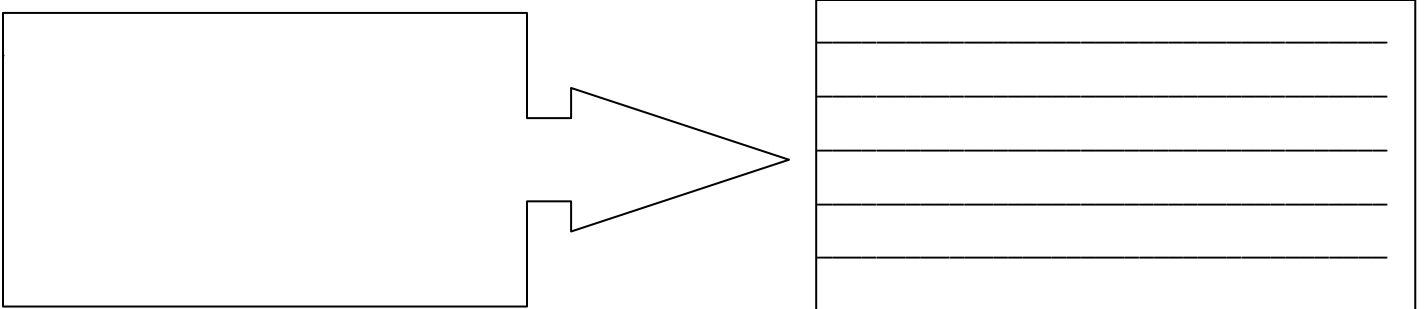
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14. At the rumble, Darry faces off with his former high-school buddy, Paul Holden. As Ponyboy stares at the two leaders, he realizes that another story is unfolding between the two men. Paul looks at Darry with contempt, and Darry stares back with hatred in his eyes. Why? Using everything that you know about Darry and anything that you know about human nature, **make an inference** and explain what has changed between the former football teammates?

15. Explain what caused Dally to confront the police in the vacant lot? Next, show the consequences.

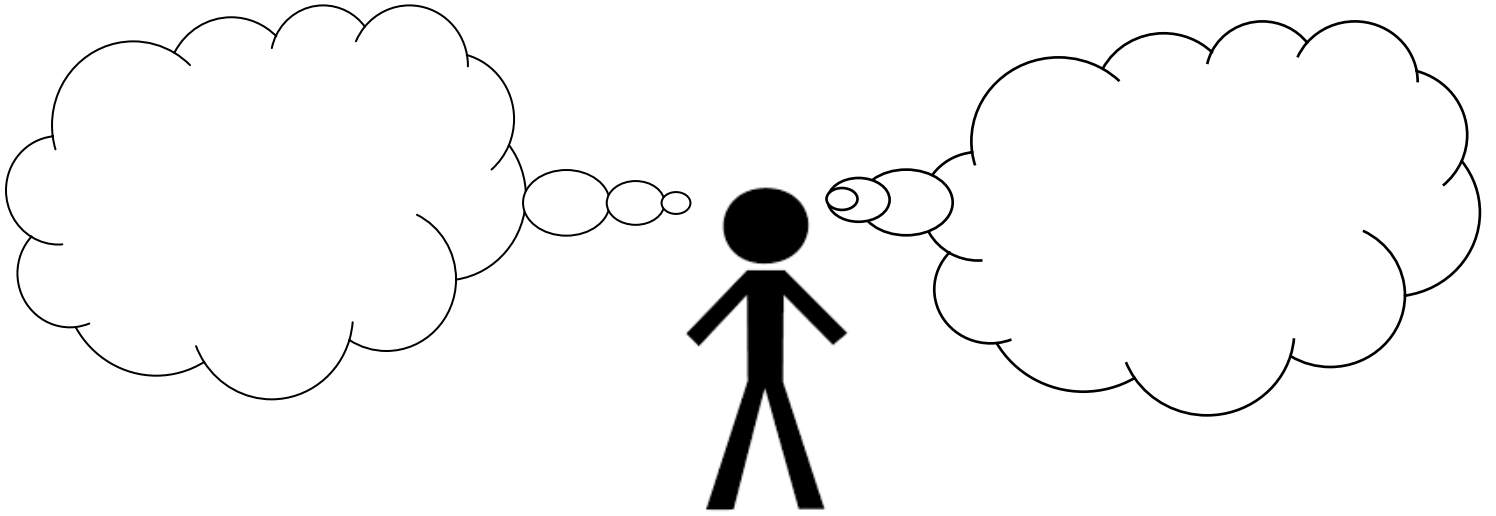
Cause (What happened?)

Effect



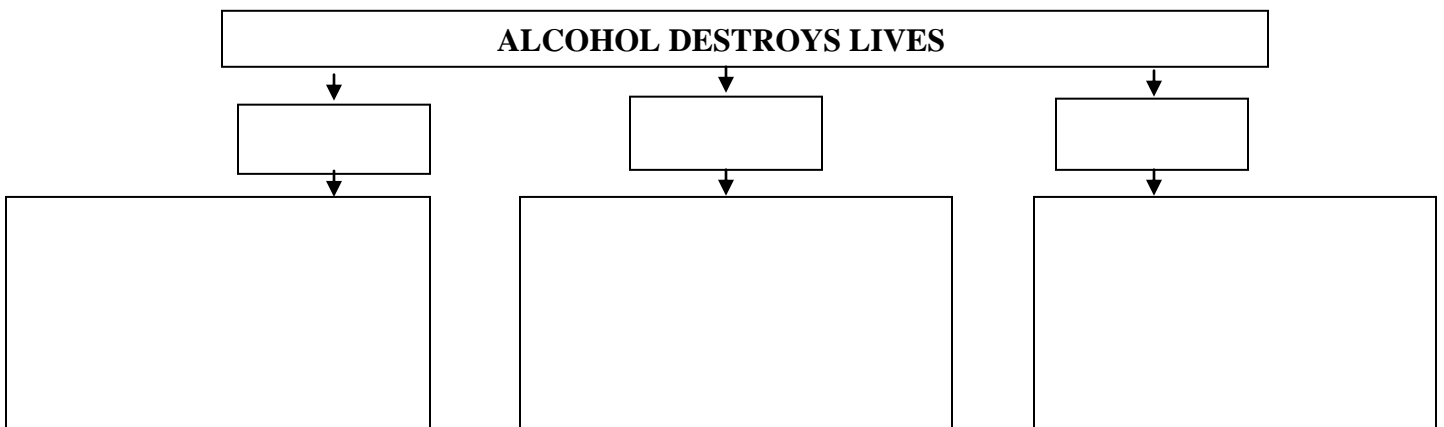
16. Although Dally and Darry are temperamentally different, they both act as parental figures in the story. Darry protects Pony because they’re brothers, and Dally protects Johnny because they both have parents who neglect/mistreat them. Ponyboy is resentful, but Johnny is grateful. **Make a text-to-self comparison**, discussing specific ways that your parents protect you? How do you respond? Compare yourself to Pony or Johnny, using specific details.

17. **Internal conflict** is defined as a struggle within a character's mind. Though Soda appears happy-go-lucky, he is, in fact, troubled by problems of his own. As the Curtis boys are sitting down to dinner one night, Pony and Darry begin to fight. Soda, then, bolts out of the house. When his brothers catch up with him, Ponyboy learns what's going on. Explain TWO of Soda's internal conflicts.



18. When Ponyboy visits Johnny in the hospital, Johnny tells Ponyboy, "I don't want to die yet. Sixteen years ain't long enough." However, when Ponyboy reads the note that Johnny left in *Gone With the Wind*, he learns that Johnny has changed his mind. In the note, Johnny writes, "I don't mind dying now. It's worth it. It's worth saving those kids." Explain what Johnny means when he says that saving the kids was worth it. (As you explain, take into consideration the reasons that Johnny gave earlier for not wanting to die.) _____

19. One of the major **themes** of *The Outsiders* is the destructive consequences of alcohol abuse. This is true for both the Socs and the Greasers. Using the organizer below, **list** the names of three characters whose lives are negatively impacted by alcohol. Next, **provide textual evidence** that supports your answer.



20. Who are the outsiders in America? **Research** an incident involving a group that faces suspicion, harassment, discrimination, or hatred. **Summarize** the case, including the following: who was involved, where did it take place, when did it occur, and what happened. (Do NOT assume that the reader is familiar with the case or will do further research.) Provide an **MLA citation** for your source, including the Internet URL. Finally, provide a relevant image that sheds light on your response.

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