

# The Outsiders - Chapter 5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write a short chapter summary. You may use "Somebody...Wanted...But...So...Then..." or "First...Then...Finally." (5 marks)

2. How did Ponyboy feel when he woke up in the church? (2 marks)

3. How did Johnny feel about Dally? Why did he feel this way? (3 marks)

4. Re-read the last two lines of the poem (p. 77) below. What do you think these two lines mean? (2 marks)

*So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay*

## **Close Reading**

Age plays an important part in this novel. Read the excerpt. Why is it so important to Ponyboy that Johnny thinks of him as older? (3 marks)

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*"Whatta we gonna do?" I was crying by then. It was getting dark and I was cold and lonesome. I loved my eyes and leaned my head back, but the tears came anyway.*

*"This is my fault," Johnny said in a miserable voice. He had stopped crying when I started. "For bringin' a little thirteen-year-old kid along. You ought to go home. You can't get into any trouble. You didn't kill him."*

*"No!" I screamed at him. "I'm fourteen! I've been fourteen for a month! And I'm in it as much as you are. I'll stop crying in a minute...I can't help it."*

*Ponyboy,*

*Well I guess you got into some trouble, huh? Darry and me nearly went nuts when you ran out like that. Darry is awful sorry he hit you. You know he didn't mean it. And then you and Johnny turned up missing and what with that dead kid in the park and Dally getting hauled into the station, well it scared us something awful. The police came by to question us and we told them as much as we could. I can't believe little old Johnny could kill somebody. I know Dally knows where you are, but you know him. He keeps his trap shut and won't tell me nothing. Darry hasn't got the slightest notion where you're at and it is nearly killing him. I wish you'd come back and turn your selves in but I guess you can't since Johnny might get hurt. You sure are famous. You got a paragraph in the newspaper even. Take care and say hi to Johnny for us.*

*Sodapop Curtis*

## **Voice**

Re-read the letter from Sodapop to Ponyboy. If you did not know it was from Sodapop, what clues in the writing style would help you discover the author's identity? (3 marks)

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