



# Check for Understanding

Chapters 1-2

## ■ Choosing the Best Response

### Directions

Test your understanding of what you read by completing the statements below. Write the letter of the best response in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Darry, Sodapop, and Ponyboy are a. cousins; b. orphans; c. Socs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. On his way home from the movies, Ponyboy a. finds Johnny beat up in the corner lot; b. gets jumped by some Socs; c. sees Dally slashing Shepard's tires.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The greasers help Ponyboy by a. chasing the Socs off; b. rumbling with Tim Shepard's gang; c. lying to Darry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Soda secretly tells Ponyboy that a. Dally is wanted for murder; b. Darry is in poor health; c. he (Soda) plans to marry Sandy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Pony feels that Darry a. wants Soda to leave home; b. longs to move to the country; c. does not care for him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. At the drive-in movie, Dally a. spills his Coke on Cherry Valance; b. talks dirty to two Soc girls; c. fights a Mexican hitchhiker.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Ponyboy and Dally are shocked when Johnny a. tells Dally to leave the girls alone; b. asks Cherry out to the rodeo; c. pulls a knife on Two-Bit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. At the concession stand, Ponyboy tells Cherry about a. the two rules of the greasers; b. his troubles with Darry; c. what the Socs did to Johnny.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Ever since being attacked, Johnny has a. carried a six-inch switchblade; b. stayed close to Dally for protection; c. tried to pick fights with the Socs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Cherry helps Ponyboy to realize that a. the gang is doing him more harm than good; b. Darry really cares for him; c. not all Socs or greasers are alike.



# Vocabulary Building

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## ■ Supplying Definitions

### Directions

In the sentences below, the vocabulary words have been underlined. A definition for each word can be found at the bottom of the page. Match each vocabulary word with the correct definition.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Ponyboy rubbed his cheek gingerly where the Socs had hit him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Cherry gave Dally an incredulous look when he had the nerve to boldly sit down beside her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In a daze, Pony slowly digested the fact that the running figures were members of his gang.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Along with fights and blondes, Two-Bit liked school for some unfathomable reason.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Newspaper editorials sometimes portrayed the Socs as an asset to society and at other times as a disgrace.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Dally grinned roguishly when he provoked the girls to anger by talking dirty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. When the girls invited Pony and Johnny to join them, Pony acted nonchalantly, trying to hide his excitement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Steve commented sagely when you asked him about cars; they were his specialty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. There were other gangs around Pony's part of town, but there was no gang rivalry in the Southwest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Curtis boys were law-abiding partly because they knew they would be separated if they were arrested.

### Definitions

- a. understood; absorbed
- b. in a casually unconcerned manner
- c. mischievously; impishly
- d. something of value
- e. disbelieving; doubting
- f. in a wise way
- g. competition
- h. carefully
- i. obeying
- j. not able to be understood

