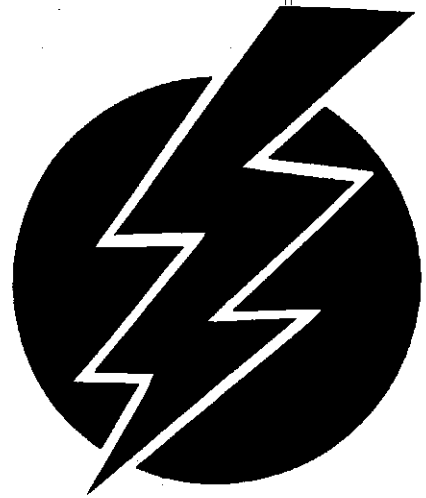




### ■ Conflicts of Interest

In chapters 9 and 10 several conflicts arise to threaten the characters in the story.

A person may be threatened by either outer or inner forces. When a character struggles against some outer force (another person, group, or force of nature), this is known as *external conflict*. When a character struggles against a force within himself or herself (a decision, moral choice, or handicap), an *internal conflict* is involved.



#### Directions

Match the characters in the box with the conflicting force they face. Each name will be used more than once (The symbol "><" means "struggles against" or "opposes").

Then identify each conflict as either internal (I) or external (E) by circling the appropriate letter in the right-hand column.

Darry	Johnny
Pony	Dally

Name	Conflicting Force	Type of Conflict	
1. _____	>< his desire to fight the Socs	I	E
2. _____	>< the policemen in the vacant lot	I	E
3. _____	>< Dally's belief that beating the Socs is important	I	E
4. _____	>< the world's injustice in taking away the only thing he loves	I	E
5. _____	>< headache, concussion, and fever	I	E
6. _____	>< his painful memories of Dally's and Johnny's deaths	I	E
7. _____	>< a former high school friend named Paul	I	E
8. _____	>< fatal injuries received in rescuing the children	I	E
9. _____	>< his desire to keep Johnny from getting tough	I	E
10. _____	>< Pony's desire to participate in the rumble	I	E

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