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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Focus On Reading: The Outsiders:grades 4-6 (Focus on Reading)

Author:

Walch

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 2: What does Ponyboy learn about Cherry at the movies? How does this change the way he thinks about Socs?

Example answer: I think Ponyboy learns that Cherry is not just a rich Soc girl. She has feelings and problems too, even if her life looks easier. This changes Ponyboy because he starts to see that Socs are real people, not just enemies. It helps him understand that people can be different but still share some of the same feelings.

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What theme, or big message, do you think Ponyboy wants readers to understand by the end of the story? Use an example from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How does Randy act when he visits Ponyboy? What does his visit show about how his feelings have changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 6: Why is Johnny’s decision to help rescue the children important? What does it show about his character?
Example answer: Johnny’s choice is important because he could have run away, but he went into the burning church to help the kids. This shows that he is brave and caring. Even though Johnny is often scared, he still does the right thing when it matters. I think this makes him a true hero.

Chapter 12: What theme, or big message, do you think Ponyboy wants readers to understand by the end of the story? Use an example from the book.
Example answer: I think Ponyboy wants readers to understand that judging people by their group is wrong. The Greasers and Socs seem very different, but characters like Cherry and Randy show that everyone has struggles. Ponyboy also learns that telling his story might help others feel less alone. The message is to look for the person inside, not just the label.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: How does Ponyboy describe the differences between the Greasers and the Socs? Why do these differences matter to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: The word “shock” can mean a strong upset feeling after something terrible happens. How does Ponyboy show that he is in shock in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Why do the Greasers care so much about the rumble? Do you think winning will really solve their problems? Explain your opinion.

New word I learned:

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What does Ponyboy learn about Cherry at the movies? How does this change the way he thinks about Socs?

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Ponyboy says, “Things are rough all over.” What do you think this means, and how does it connect to the characters in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How does the visit to Johnny in the hospital make Ponyboy and Two-Bit feel? What does this scene show about friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What prediction can you make about Ponyboy's future after the newspaper calls him a hero? What clues help you make that prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Why do you think Johnny and Ponyboy decide to go to Dally for help? What does this show about Dally's role in their lives?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How do Ponyboy and Johnny change while they are hiding in the church? Use details from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

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Chapter 6

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