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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Outsiders

Author:

S. E. Hinton

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: Cherry and Ponyboy come from different groups, but they are able to talk honestly. What do they begin to understand about each other?

Example answer: I think Cherry and Ponyboy begin to understand that people are more than their group names. Cherry is a Soc and Ponyboy is a Greaser, but they both have feelings and problems. Ponyboy sees that Cherry is not just a rich girl who has an easy life. Cherry also sees that Ponyboy is thoughtful and not what she expected.

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: At the end of the book, Ponyboy decides to write about his experiences. Why do you think telling his story is important for him and for others?

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What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Ponyboy is upset and confused after everything that has happened. How can you tell he is having a hard time facing the truth?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 6: Johnny decides to go into the burning church to save the children. What does this action show about his character?

Example answer: Johnny going into the church shows that he is very brave and caring. Even though he is scared and has been through a lot, he thinks about the children first. I think this proves that Johnny has a good heart. He does not want innocent people to get hurt.

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Example answer: I think telling his story is important because it helps Ponyboy understand what happened and heal from it. Writing lets him remember Johnny and Dally in an honest way. It can also help other people see Greasers as real people, not just troublemakers. Ponyboy wants readers to understand that everyone has struggles.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Ponyboy says he is different from some of the other Greasers. What do you learn about Ponyboy in this chapter, and how does he see himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: After Johnny dies, Dally reacts in a dangerous way. Why do you think Dally acts this way, and what does it show about his feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Before the rumble, the boys have different reasons for wanting to fight. What are some of those reasons, and do you think fighting will solve their problems?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 2

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Ponyboy says, "Things are rough all over." What do you think this means in the story, and why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Johnny is very sick in the hospital, but he still talks with Ponyboy and Two-Bit. What do Johnny's words and actions show about what matters to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: After the fire, Ponyboy talks with reporters and learns more about what might happen next. What worries him most in this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Johnny and Ponyboy face a frightening problem after the fight in the park. What choices do they make, and why do you think they make them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: While hiding in the church, Ponyboy and Johnny read, talk, and think. How does this time change the way they understand themselves or the world?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 6

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