STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - The Outsiders

Chapters 1-2

1. Identify Darry, Soda and Ponyboy.
2. How are Greasers different from Socs?
3. Who were other members of Pony's gang?
4. What happened to Pony on his way home from the movies?
5. Who did Dally, Johnny and Ponyboy meet at the Nightly Double?
6. Contrast Dally's approach to Cherry and Marcia with Pony's, and contrast Cherry's response to Dally with her response to Pony.
7. Why were Cherry and Marcia alone at the drive-in?
8. Pony was somewhat surprised that he was getting along with Cherry and Marcia. Why?
9. What had happened to Johnny prior to the time of this story?

Chapters 3-4

1. After talking with Cherry, what reason does Pony finally give for the separation between Greasers and Socs?
2. Who were Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends?
3. Why didn't the Socs and Greasers fight during their first encounter after the movie?
4. Why was Pony late coming home from the Nightly Double?
5. What caused Pony to "run away"?
6. What happened to Johnny and Ponyboy at the park?
7. To whom do Johnny and Pony turn for help after Johnny killed Bob? Why?
8. Why did Johnny and Pony go to Jay's Mountain?

Chapters 5-6

1. Why was Pony upset about getting a haircut?
2. What was Johnny's favorite part of Gone With the Wind? Of whom did it remind him? When Dally finally arrives at the church, what news does he bring?
3. What did Johnny announce after his fifth barbecue sandwich?
4. Describe Johnny's relationship with his parents.
5. What happened when Johnny, Pony and Dally returned to the church?