Friendship & Loyalty in “The Outsiders”
Question #1

• Think of some friendships that have played an important role in your life. Why have those friendships been so important to you? Can you think of some specific examples of times when those friendships were especially important to you?
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Follow-Up Question

• What do you think Ponyboy’s friendship with Johnny means to him? What do you think it means to Johnny?
Question #2

• Can you remember doing something with a friend that really strengthened your friendship? What exactly did you do? In what ways was your friendship strengthened by what you did together?
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Follow-Up Question

• How do you think the events of chapters 4 to 6 have changed Ponyboy's and Johnny's friendship?
Question #3

• Think of a time when your loyalty to a friend was really put to the test. What happened to test your loyalty? What did you do? How did this event affect your friendship?
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“A true friend is someone you can call at 3 a.m. to help you bury a body, and they don’t ask questions.”
Follow-Up Question

• Ponyboy stuck by Johnny’s side after Johnny killed Bob. Do you think this was the right thing to do? Why or why not?