

“Stand By Me”
Response Questions

1. “Stand By Me” is a coming of age story in that the boys seem to be at one point in their lives at the start of the movie and, after only one weekend, seem to have passed into another phase of their lives. How has this weekend changed the boys? What lessons have they learned about the world, themselves, and each other? Discuss your answer in detail.
2. In what ways is Gordies’ and Chris’ friendship in “Stand By Me” similar to Ponyboy’s and Johnny’s friendship in “The Outsiders?” In what ways are the two friendships different?
3. Who is the hero in “Stand By Me?” Use some evidence and examples to support your answer.

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