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The Outsiders  
Chapter 1:  
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Who is the narrator of *The Outsiders*?

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2. What two groups of teenagers does Ponyboy describe? Compare the two groups.

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3. Why did the Socs beat up Ponyboy?

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4. Why did Ponyboy have a hard time with his oldest brother?

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5. How are Ponyboy and his friends like you? Different than you?

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6. Why do you think the author uses non-standard English?

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7. "Greaser" is first used in the first paragraph on page one. How far must you read before you have a good idea of who or what a greaser is? (Reading to the end of a sentence, paragraph, page, or further is one strategy to use when you find a word you don't know.)

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