

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "He liked fights, blondes, and for some *unfathomable* reason, school."

In the sentence above, the word *unfathomable* most closely means

- A. deep.
 - B. not understandable.
 - C. shallow.
 - D. unmanly.
2. Place the following events in chronological order (in the order they happen in the novel):
- 1. Cherry and Ponyboy start talking about the differences between greasers and Socs.
 - 2. Ponyboy is attacked on the way home from the movie theater by a group of Socs.
 - 3. Ponyboy meets Cherry at the movies.
 - 4. Ponyboy reads *Great Expectations*, and identifies with the main character.
 - 5. Two-Bit slaps Ponyboy to teach him a lesson about being mean to Johnny.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - B. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
 - C. 2, 4, 3, 1, 5
 - D. 3, 5, 1, 4, 2
3. Ponyboy and Johnny are excited to be going out with Cherry and Marcia because
- A. they are classy girls – Socs.
 - B. they are rich and can buy them movie tickets.
 - C. they are the girls that all of the greasers are after.
 - D. they know it will make their enemies mad.
4. Ponyboy relates to Pip from *Great Expectations* because, like Pip, he
- A. "didn't deserve to work like an old man when he was only twenty."
 - B. "didn't get arrested or beaten up or busted up in rodeos."
 - C. "looked like some Greek god come to earth."
 - D. feels "lousy because he wasn't a gentleman or anything."

5. Ponyboy's older brothers are
- A. Dallas and Darry.
 - B. Darry and Sodapop.
 - C. Johnny and Sodapop.
 - D. Sodapop and Dally.
6. Responsibility Requires _____
- A. Action.
 - B. Courage.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Integrity.
7. The novel is written in the
- A. baroque style.
 - B. first person.
 - C. third person omniscient.
 - D. third person.
8. The phrase that best describes Darry is
- A. "He doesn't understand anything that is not plain hard fact."
 - B. "He understands everybody."
 - C. "I liked him real well because he kept us laughing at ourselves as well as other things."
 - D. "If I had to pick the real character of the gang, it would be (him.)"
9. The setting of the novel *The Outsiders* is
- A. a lower class neighborhood in a small town in the 1960s.
 - B. a lower class neighborhood in a small town in the present day.
 - C. a lower class neighborhood in New York City in the 1950s.
 - D. an upper class neighborhood in a small town in the 1960s.
10. The word *incredulous* in the sentence "She gave him an *incredulous* look; and then she threw her Coke in his face," most closely means
- A. frightened.
 - B. nasty.
 - C. sexy.
 - D. unbelieving.

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. Dally tells Ponyboy and Johnny that Cherry is
 - A. a spy for the greasers.
 - B. dead; Bob's friends killed her.
 - C. his girlfriend.
 - D. way too good for them.

2. For help, Ponyboy and Johnny go to
 - A. Dally.
 - B. Darry.
 - C. Soda.
 - D. Two-Bit.

3. Johnny and Ponyboy hide out in
 - A. an abandoned church in the country.
 - B. Cherry's attic.
 - C. Dally's garage.
 - D. the local park.

4. Johnny decides that Ponyboy should disguise himself by
 - A. bleaching his hair.
 - B. growing a long beard.
 - C. shaving his head.
 - D. wearing Soc clothes.

5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Dally tells them that the greasers and Socs are in an all-out war.
 2. Johnny stabs Bob with his switchblade, and kills him.
 3. Ponyboy and Johnny run and hide from the police.
 4. Ponyboy is attacked and almost killed by Bob and his friends.
 - A. 1, 4, 2, 3
 - B. 2, 1, 4, 3
 - C. 4, 2, 3, 1
 - D. 4, 3, 2, 1

6. Ponyboy and Johnny are in trouble because
- A. Johnny stabbed and killed Bob, a Soc, in a fight.
 - B. they got caught with Soc girls.
 - C. they planned to blow up the school, and the police found out.
 - D. they ran away from home.
7. Ponyboy runs out of the house because
- A. Darry hits him for the first time.
 - B. Darry is drunk and starts beating him up, as usual.
 - C. he doesn't want his brothers to see him cry.
 - D. he finds Sodapop in his room with Cherry.
8. The author of *The Outsiders* is
- A. Francisco Jimenez.
 - B. John Steinbeck.
 - C. Octavia Butler.
 - D. S. E. Hinton.
9. The evening with Cherry ends when
- A. a group of Socs pull up in a blue mustang and threaten to beat up Ponyboy and his friends.
 - B. Ponyboy walks her home and her parents catch them kissing.
 - C. she finds out Ponyboy is a greaser.
 - D. she is so insulted by Dally that she storms off angry.
10. To pass the time while they are hiding, Ponyboy
- A. carves a tiny horse out of some spare wood he finds.
 - B. listens to music on his iPod.
 - C. reads *Gone with the Wind* to Johnny.
 - D. starts to write a book about his life.

Week 3 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "...I told you he looks like a movie star, and he kind of *radiates*."

In the sentence above, the word *radiates* most closely means

- A. shines.
 - B. shows off.
 - C. smells.
 - D. smiles a lot.
2. As a result of his heroism, Johnny
- A. gets a full scholarship to the college of his choice.
 - B. is adopted by a loving Soc family.
 - C. isn't charged with Bob's murder.
 - D. will never walk again.
3. Cherry refuses to go see Johnny because
- A. he killed Bob.
 - B. she is afraid of hospitals.
 - C. she knows she'll cry and upset him.
 - D. she's secretly in love with Johnny, but doesn't want him to know.
4. How does Randy surprise Ponyboy?
- A. He announces that he isn't going to fight anymore.
 - B. He pulls out a gun and threatens to shoot him to make up for Bob's death.
 - C. He says that he wants to be friends with him.
 - D. He tells Ponyboy that he's glad that Bob is dead.
5. In the sentence "It was the reward of two hours of walking aimlessly around a hardware store to *divert* suspicion," a synonym for the word *divert* could be
- A. anger.
 - B. create.
 - C. dig.
 - D. distract.

6. Johnny asks Two-Bit and Ponyboy for
- A. a copy of *Gone With the Wind*.
 - B. a new knife so he can fight in the rumble.
 - C. help killing himself.
 - D. more grease for his hair.
7. Johnny doesn't want to see his mother because
- A. he is afraid to see how sad she is to be the mother of a murderer.
 - B. he is embarrassed for her to see him so weak.
 - C. he just wants her to leave him alone for once.
 - D. she is the one who put him in the hospital.
8. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Cherry tells Two-Bit and Ponyboy that the Socs will abide by the no-weapons rule in the fight.
 - 2. Johnny tells Ponyboy that he doesn't want to see his mother.
 - 3. Ponyboy and Johnny rescue the kids from the fire.
 - 4. Ponyboy finds out that Johnny's back is broken.
 - 5. Ponyboy yells at Cherry.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - B. 3, 4, 2, 1, 5
 - C. 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
 - D. 5, 1, 2, 3, 4
9. Ponyboy and Johnny become heroes when
- A. they rescue some kids from a burning church.
 - B. they save Dally from a terrifying car accident.
 - C. they stop a racist guy who is trying to burn a church down.
 - D. they stop some Socs from beating up a homeless man.
10. The best word to describe the feeling Ponyboy has about the impending rumble is
- A. afraid.
 - B. disgusted.
 - C. excited.
 - D. hopeless.

Final Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. When he finally opens Johnny's copy of *Gone With the Wind*, Ponyboy finds
 - A. a letter from Johnny.
 - B. fifty dollars.
 - C. Johnny's last will and testament.
 - D. Johnny's treasured switchblade.
2. To pass the time while they are hiding, Ponyboy
 - A. starts to write a book about his life.
 - B. reads *Gone with the Wind* to Johnny.
 - C. listens to music on his iPod.
 - D. carves a tiny horse out of some spare wood he finds.
3. The rumble is won by
 - A. no one.
 - B. the cops.
 - C. the greasers.
 - D. the Socs.
4. The phrase that best describes Darry is:
 - A. "If I had to pick the real character of the gang, it would be (him.)"
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 - C. "He understands everybody."
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 - C. disgusted.
 - D. afraid.

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8. Soda asks Ponyboy and Darry
- A. not to fight with each other anymore.
 - B. to help him find his own place to live.
 - C. to help him get the money to go visit Sandy in Florida.
 - D. to support his desire to go to cosmetology school.
9. Responsibility Requires _____
- A. Integrity.
 - B. Effort.
 - C. Courage.
 - D. Action.
10. Ponyboy relates to Pip from *Great Expectations* because, like Pip, he
- A. feels "lousy because he wasn't a gentleman or anything."
 - B. "looked like some Greek god come to earth."
 - C. "didn't get arrested or beaten up or busted up in rodeos."
 - D. "didn't deserve to work like an old man when he was only twenty."
11. Ponyboy is worried about the inquiry into Bob's death because
- A. he doesn't want anyone to know the Socs beat him up.
 - B. he doesn't want Johnny's memory dishonored.
 - C. he's afraid he will get blamed for Bob's murder.
 - D. the judge might take him away from Darry and put him in a foster home.
12. Ponyboy and Johnny become heroes when
- A. they stop some Socs from beating up a homeless man.
 - B. they stop a racist guy who is trying to burn a church down.
 - C. they save Dally from a terrifying car accident.
 - D. they rescue some kids from a burning church.

13. Ponyboy and Johnny are in trouble because
- A. they ran away from home.
 - B. they planned to blow up the school, and the police found out.
 - C. they got caught with Soc girls.
 - D. Johnny stabbed and killed Bob, a Soc, in a fight.
14. Ponyboy and Johnny are excited to be going out with Cherry and Marcia because
- A. they know it will make their enemies mad.
 - B. they are the girls that all of the greasers are after.
 - C. they are rich and can buy them movie tickets.
 - D. they are classy girls – Socs.
15. Johnny's last words to Ponyboy, "Stay gold..." are a reference to
- A. a poem by Robert Frost.
 - B. his favorite rap song.
 - C. nothing; Johnny is babbling meaninglessly.
 - D. Ponyboy's ambitions to be in the Olympics.
16. Johnny decides that Ponyboy should disguise himself by
- A. wearing Soc clothes.
 - B. shaving his head.
 - C. growing a long beard.
 - D. bleaching his hair.
17. Johnny and Ponyboy hide out in
- A. the local park.
 - B. Dally's garage.
 - C. Cherry's attic.
 - D. an abandoned church in the country.
18. In the end, Ponyboy decides to
- A. help himself by writing about his friends and his experiences.
 - B. learn to play the guitar and join a band.
 - C. quit school and get a job to help Darry support the family.
 - D. sit and watch a sunset every day.

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 - B. He says that he wants to be friends with him.
 - C. He pulls out a gun and threatens to shoot him to make up for Bob's death.
 - D. He announces that he isn't going to fight anymore.
20. Dally responds to losing Johnny by
- A. breaking down crying and screaming.
 - B. killing the first Soc he can find.
 - C. robbing a grocery store.
 - D. slapping Ponyboy across the face.
21. Dally is
- A. called a hero in the local paper for saving Johnny.
 - B. killed by the police.
 - C. Ponyboy's best friend at the end of the novel.
 - D. the first member of the greaser gang to get a job.
22. Cherry refuses to go see Johnny because
- A. she's secretly in love with Johnny, but doesn't want him to know.
 - B. she knows she'll cry and upset him.
 - C. she is afraid of hospitals.
 - D. he killed Bob.
23. As a result of his heroism, Johnny
- A. will never walk again.
 - B. isn't charged with Bob's murder.
 - C. is adopted by a loving Soc family.
 - D. gets a full scholarship to the college of his choice.
24. After the rumble, Dally and Ponyboy go to the hospital and find out that
- A. Johnny has had a miraculous recovery.
 - B. Johnny is dying.
 - C. Johnny was murdered by a Soc during the rumble.
 - D. Johnny's mother has ordered the nurses not to let any greasers in to visit.
25. After the hearing,
- A. life goes back to normal for Ponyboy.
 - B. Ponyboy becomes absent-minded and his grades slipped.
 - C. Ponyboy decides not to be a greaser anymore.
 - D. Ponyboy is sent to a juvenile detention center.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. D

9. D
10. A
11. D
12. D
13. D
14. D
15. A
16. D
17. D
18. A
19. D
20. C
21. B
22. D
23. A
24. B
25. B

Week 2 Assessment

1. A
2. A
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. C

Week 3 Assessment

1. A
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. D

Final Assessment

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. A