

The Outsiders

Character Inferences

DIRECTIONS: Reread the descriptions of each of the Outsiders. Make an inference about the characters personality based on what they look like. Underline pieces of the description that stand out to help you come up with your answer. Use the word bank to help you.

CHARACTER INFERENCES

<i>Sensitive</i>	<i>Mean-spirited</i>	<i>Harsh</i>	<i>Easy-going</i>	<i>Unpredictable</i>	<i>Approachable</i>
<i>Outgoing</i>	<i>Mysterious</i>	<i>Complicated</i>	<i>Dangerous</i>	<i>Angry</i>	<i>Mischievous</i>
<i>Funny</i>	<i>Fragile</i>	<i>Fearful</i>			<i>Tough</i>

Character	Description from the text	Inference about the character's personality based on their description
Darry	"He's got eyes that are like two pieces of pale blue-green ice. They've got a determined set to them, like the rest of him. He looks older than twenty—tough, cool, and smart. He would be real handsome if his eyes weren't so cold."	
Soda	"Soda's movie-star kind of handsome, the kind that people stop on the street to watch go by...he's a little slimmer, but he has a finely drawn, sensitive face that somehow manages to be reckless and thoughtful at the same time. He's got dark-gold hair that he combs back—long and silky and straight—and in the summer the sun bleaches it to a shining wheat-gold. His eyes are dark brown—lively, dancing, recklessly laughing eyes that can be gently and sympathetic one moment and blazing with anger the next."	
Steve	"Steve Randle was seventeen, tall and lean, with thick greasy hair he kept combed in complicated swirls."	

Two-Bit	<p>“Two-Bit Mathews was the oldest of the gang...He was about six feet tall, stocky in build, and very proud of his long rusty-colored sideburns. He had gray eyes and a wide grin, and he couldn't stop making funny remarks to save his life. You couldn't shut up that guy; he always had to get his two-bits worth in. Hence his name. Even his teachers forgot his real name was Keith, and we hardly remembered he had one”</p>	
Dally	<p>“If I had to pick the real character of the gang, it would be Dallas Winston--- Dally....He had an elfish face, with high cheekbones and a pointed chin, small, sharp animal teeth, and ears like a lynx. His hair was almost white it was so blond, and he didn't like haircuts, or hair oil either, so it fell over his forehead in wisps and kicked out in the back in tufts and curled behind his ears and along the nape of his neck. His eyes were blue, blazing ice, cold with a hatred of the whole world.”</p>	
Johnny	<p>“Johnny Cade was last and least. If you can picture a little dark puppy that has been kicked too many times and is lost in a crowd of strangers, you'll have Johnny. He was the youngest, next to me, smaller than the rest, with a slight build. He had big black eyes in a dark tanned face; his hair was jet-black and heavily greased and combed to the side, but it was so long that it fell in shaggy bangs across his forehead. He had a nervous, suspicious look in his eyes.”</p>	