

IN CHAPTER 9, PONYBOY WRITES ABOUT HOW GREASERS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, HOW THE SOCS' ARE IDENTIFIED, AND HOW HE THINKS ABOUT HIS BROTHERS' IDENTITIES, AS WELL AS HIS OWN. AS YOU READ, THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, AND THEN ANSWER.

**IDENTITY:** the "essential self"; the set of characteristics that somebody recognizes as belonging uniquely to himself or herself and constituting his/her individual personality for life. Identity is formed by things that are really important to you.

A big part of chapter 9 is when Pony is trying to figure out what makes his friends fight, or like to fight. Their reasons contribute to their identities.

1. For each character Pony asks about why they fight, write their answers. Then explain what this tells us about their character, their traits, their personality.

Character	Reason	Type of person/trait?

2. What is the difference between Tim Shepard's gang/the Brumley gang and Pony's crew?

3. Describe Darry and Paul Holden's meeting at the rumble. What do we learn about Darry as Pony watches the two former teammates?

4. What do we learn about Dally and why he acts the way he does? Is he as "real" as we thought? (hint: refer to page 147).

5. What does <sup>Johnny</sup>~~Pony~~ mean when he tells Pony to "stay gold"?