

The Outsiders
Chapter 7 Discussion Questions

1. Explain what Pony means when he says Soda "reminds me of a colt" on p. 101.
2. Why would being crippled be worse for Johnny than someone else?
3. What is a juvenile delinquent (p. 107)? Create your own definition of juvenile delinquent based on your own knowledge.
4. What was Bob's 'real' problem, according to Randy (p.116)?
5. Why did Pony think it was better to see socs as "just guys" on p. 118? What do you think he means by this?

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1. How does what the doctor first says, on page 119, foreshadow Johnny's condition?
2. "We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason" (p.121). What do you think Pony means, and what is the reason?
3. What does Pony mean on p. 123 when he says, "we could get along without anyone but Johnny"?
4. If Darry didn't have Soda and Pony, why would he be a soc?
5. What does Cherry mean when she says Bob "wasn't just anyone" on p.129?