**CHAPTER 1**

1. Read the opening paragraph: in dot-points, what do we learn Ponyboy? (I can find 6 things).
2. Who is narrating (telling the story (full name if possible)?
3. Does this mean it is written in first, or third person?
4. What **tense** is the novel written in? (past, present or future) – *Hint:* is he narrating the action *as* it happens, or *after* it happens?
5. What happened to Ponyboy’s parents? (p.4)
6. Describe each of the gang-members **and** how Ponyboy feels about each:  
     
   **Extension**: include a quote(s) that describe(s) each character:  
     
   a) Johnny Cade  
   b) Two-Bit Mathews  
   c) Steve Randle  
   d) Dallas Winston (Dally)

7. How are Sodapop and Darry different?

1. Do you believe that Darry hates Ponyboy? Why/why not?
2. What does Ponyboy mean when he says “I lie to myself all the time”?
3. **Personal response:** How often do you lie to yourself?   
   Why?