

## The Outsiders Characterization

**Directions.** In the first chapter of The Outsiders, it is important to learn who the characters are and what they are like. Fill in the following blanks to obtain a greater understanding of the main characters.

*The Greasers:*

1. **Ponyboy Curtis:** What does he look like (pg. 1)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What does he like (pg. 2)? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_. His two brothers are (pg. 2):  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Ponyboy is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

2. **Sodapop Curtis (aka Soda):** How does Ponyboy describe Soda's personality (pg. 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is his physical description (pg. 7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. How old is he (pg. 2)? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Darrel Curtis (aka Darry):** How does Ponyboy describe Darry's personality (pg. 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is his physical description (pg. 6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. How old is he (pg. 6)? \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Steve Randle:** He is (pg. 9) \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Describe his physical features (pg. 9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. What is his personality like (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is his best friend (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_. What is his specialty (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_. Where  
and with whom did he work (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_. What does Ponyboy think of  
Steve (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_. What does Steve think of Ponyboy? Why  
(pg. 9) \_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Two-Bit Mathews:** What does he look like (pg. 9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

How did he earn his nickname (pg. 9-10)? \_\_\_\_\_. His real name  
is (pg. 10) \_\_\_\_\_. He was famous for (pg. 10) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
He liked (pg. 10) 1. \_\_\_\_\_, 2. \_\_\_\_\_, and 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

6. **Dallas Winston (aka Dally):** What did he look like (pg. 10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He had been arrested at the age of (pg. 10) \_\_\_\_\_. How was  
he different than the rest of the greasers (pg. 10)? \_\_\_\_\_. What are some of the  
various things Dally did in his past, both legal and against the law (pg. 11)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Ponyboy didn't like him but (pg. 11) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

7. **Johnny Cade:** Ponyboy pictures him like a (pg. 11) \_\_\_\_\_.  
He was the youngest in the gang, except for (pg. 11) \_\_\_\_\_. How does Ponyboy describe  
his facial features? \_\_\_\_\_. He was the gang's (pg. 12)  
\_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_. What was his family life like?  
Describe (pg. 12) \_\_\_\_\_.