

5. Describe Johnny's relationship with his parents.

They ignored him or beat him up all of the time. He wanted them to take a personal interest in him and would have liked to please them, but they don't respond. They don't even ask for Johnny when he disappears after killing Bob.

6. What happened when Johnny, Pony and Dally returned to the church?

The church had caught on fire. Johnny and Pony went in to get some children out of the burning building. Pony got out with minor injuries. Dally went in to get Johnny, who had severe burns and a broken back. Dally came out with Johnny, an injured arm and burns.

Chapters 7-9

1. What additional problem did the three brothers face after Pony's return?

They faced the possibility of being separated into foster homes.

2. Why did Randy want to talk to Pony?

He wanted to tell him that he would not be at the rumble, to try to call off the rumble by convincing Pony that there could be no winner.

3. When Johnny's mother came to visit him at the hospital, what was Johnny's reaction?

He rejects her visit; he tells the nurse he does not want to see his mother.

4. Why wouldn't Cherry go visit Johnny?

"He killed Bob. . . . I could never look at the person who killed him."

5. Compare and contrast the boys' reasons for fighting. (Darry, Steve, Soda and Two-Bit)

Darry fights for pride (to show off his strength); Steve fights for hatred (to stomp the other guy); Soda fights for fun (a contest); Two-Bit fights for conformity (Everyone fights.).

6. What did Pony say was the difference between Tim's gang and his?

". . . they had a leader and were organized; we were just buddies who stuck together—each man was his own leader."

7. Identify Paul Holden.

Paul was Darry's old football team buddy. He stepped up to begin the rumble representing the Socs against Darry who represented the Greasers. He threw the first punch when Darry wasn't looking.

8. Who "won" the rumble?

The Greasers "won."

9. Where did Dally take Pony after the rumble?

He took him to the hospital to see Johnny.