

## The Outsiders

### Pre-Reading and Writing Activity – Chapter 7

- Read the excerpt below. At the end of this excerpt, Ponyboy and Randy are about to have a conversation. After you read the excerpt, write ten lines of dialogue between Ponyboy and Randy. Randy speaks first.

As I lit up, the Socs who had jumped Johnny and me at the park hopped out of the Mustang. I recognized Randy Adderson, Marcia's boyfriend, and the tall guy that had almost drowned me. I hated them. It was their fault Bob was dead; their fault Johnny was dying; their fault Soda and I might get put in a boys' home. I hated them as bitterly and as contemptuously as Dally Winston hated.

Two-Bit put an elbow on my shoulder and leaned against me, dragging on his cigarette. "You know the rules. No jazz before the rumble," he said to the Socs.

"We know," Randy said. He looked at me, "Come here. I want to talk to you."

I glanced at Two-Bit. He shrugged. I followed Randy over to his car, out of earshot of the rest. We sat there in his car for a second, silent. Golly that was the tuffest car I've ever been in.