

## **Comprehension Check**

### **Chapters 10-12**

**Directions:** As you read and take notes, use the Comprehension Check questions below to help guide your understanding of all aspects of the novel. You may want to use these questions to help you as you take notes. After reading the given chapters, answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

#### **Chapter Ten**

1. Dally runs out “like the devil was after him” when he finds out Johnny is dead. According to Pony, why is Dally having so much trouble handling Johnny’s death?
2. When Dally phones, what is his message?
3. According to Ponyboy, Johnny died gallant. What does he mean? What is different about the death of Dally?
4. Why do you think Ponyboy becomes so sick? What are his symptoms?
5. The narrator writes, “And the ground rushed up to meet me very suddenly.” What really happened?
6. Why is Ponyboy worried about whether or not he asked for Darry while he was in the hospital?

#### **Chapter Eleven**

1. After Ponyboy studies the picture of Bob in the yearbook, what conclusions does he make about him?
2. What was Randy’s purpose in visiting Pony? What was the outcome of their conversation?
3. Why do you think Ponyboy insists that he is the one who killed Bob and keeps saying that Johnny isn’t dead?

#### **Chapter Twelve**

1. Why do you think the judge’s line of questioning is so easy on Ponyboy? Why is he acquitted?
2. What happens to Ponyboy’s schoolwork, memory, and attitude about himself *after* the hearing? What opportunity does his teacher give him to make up for his problems in school?
3. Why does Soda bolt out the door?
4. What do we find out about the real reason that Sandy went to Florida?
5. After Pony and Darry go find Soda, the three of them talk. What is the result of their conversation?
6. What was in the note from Johnny that Ponyboy found when it fell out of his book?
7. What does Ponyboy finally decide to write about in his theme?
8. What is significant about the last sentence of the novel? Why?