Chapter 9 part 1

1. On the bottom of p.133, when Pony asks what kind of a world it is, what comment is he making about how society judges people?
2. Why does Sodapop fight? Darry? Steve? How is Pony different?
3. Sometimes Ponyboy seems ashamed of being a Greaser, and sometimes he is proud of it. How On page 132, paraphrase the last paragraph to explain if he is proud or ashamed at this point in the book.

Chapter 9 part 2

1. What is the difference between Tim Sheppard's gang and Ponyboy's? Explain how Pony feels this difference might give his group the upper hand?  
  
2. The greasers and the socs have a huge rumble.

1. What do the greasers and socs do to make the fight “fair”?
2. Pony thinks to himself, “Why do I fight?”  Answer his question, using examples from the story to support your opinion.

3. After the rumble, Dally drags Pony to see Johnny.  On the way, Dally says he was “Crazy for wanting Johnny to stay outa trouble, for not wantin’ him to get hard.  If he’d been like me he’d never have been in this mess.  If he’d got smart like me he’d never have run into that church.  That’s what you get for helpin’ people.  Editorials in the paper and a lot of trouble… You’d better wise up, Pony… you get tough like me and you don’t get hurt.  You look out for yourself and nothin’ can touch you…”

1. Explain the point Dally is trying to make.
2. How does this connect to Dally’s statement, “You get tough like me and you don’t get hurt.”
3. Just before he dies, Johnny tells Pony to “stay gold”.
   1. Explain what this is a reference to.
   2. What does Johnny mean?

Chapter 10

1. Of what did Pony try to convince himself on the way home from the hospital?
2. What did Pony decide was the reason Dally couldn’t take Johnny’s death?
3. Why did Dally rob the grocery store and then raise his unloaded gun to the police? Why do you think he wanted this fate?
4. How did the situation with Dally in this chapter propel the story along?
5. Why did Pony ask Soda if he asked for Darry while he was sick?