

Guiding questions as you read *The Outsiders*:

1. What conflicts/problems do Socs and greasers face in the book (real problems faced by teens during this time period)?
2. What does Ponyboy learn by the end of the story (possible theme for the book)?

→Directions: As you read the book, look for examples of the signposts we have studied—these are important clues from the author. There are numerous examples, but I am asking you to respond to one or two per chapter in the organizer below. **For each signpost listed, write down the page on which you found the signpost and what the example is, then write the anchor question and your response.** The first row has been completed as an example. Note: If you need more room to write, feel free to use another sheet of paper.

Signposts that I Noticed and Noted

Page #	Signpost	<u>In the book:</u> Describe what is happening in this passage. What is the example of the signpost?	<u>In my head:</u> Write down the question that corresponds to this sign. Then write your response —try to capture your complete thoughts.
Ch. 1 p. 4	Memory Moment	<i>Ponyboy remembers when Johnny was jumped by the Socs.</i>	<i>Q: Why might this memory be important? We learn how terribly the Socs treat the greasers, and we understand why Ponyboy might be scared in this moment—he is worried about what they will do to him.</i>
Ch. 1	Tough Question		
Ch. 2	Contrasts and Contradictions		
Ch. 2	Memory Moment		

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Ch. 2	Words of the Wiser		
Ch. 3	Aha Moment		
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Ch. 4	Contrasts and Contradictions		
Ch. 4	Tough Questions		
Ch. 5	Aha Moment		

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Ch. 6	Contrasts and Contradictions		
Ch. 6	Aha Moment		
Ch. 7	Contrasts and Contradictions		
Ch. 7	Again and Again/Aha Moment		
Ch. 8	Tough Questions		
Ch. 9	Aha Moment		

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Ch 10	Again and Again		
Ch. 10	Aha Moment		
Ch. 11	Contrasts and Contradictions		
Ch. 12	Words of the Wiser		
Ch. 12	Aha Moment		
Ch. 12	Again and Again		