

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Summer Reading 7th grade

Chapter 1:

1. Make a chart of the characters in this chapter. Describe them physically and their personalities.
2. Who are the Socs? Who are the Greasers?
3. Why is the gang important to Johnny?
4. Do you think Darry loves Ponyboy? Why does he treat Ponyboy the way he does?
5. Who is telling the story?

Chapter 2:

1. Who is the fuzz?
2. Are the names Ponyboy and Sodapop nicknames? Explain.
3. Who are Cherry and Marcia?
4. What is "weed" slang for in 1967?
5. Why does Dally look sick now?

Chapter 3:

1. What does Cherry explain as the difference between the Socs and the Greasers?
2. Johnny says about Cherry, "We saw the same sunset." Explain what he means.
3. When and how did Pony's parents die?
4. What positive reason does Johnny give for being beaten?
5. At the end of the chapter, how does the author foreshadow that bad things are to come?

Chapter 4:

1. What major event happens in this chapter?

Chapter 5:

1. Why does Johnny think Dally is a hero?
2. Reread Robert Frost's poem, *Nothing Gold Can Stay*. What do you think the poem is saying?
3. What is a "heater?"
4. Why are the Greasers and Socs going to fight in the lot?
5. Who is the spy for the Greasers? Does this surprise you? Why or Why not?

Chapter 6:

1. Why doesn't Dally want Johnny to turn himself in?
2. Why do you think Johnny wasn't scared, despite the obvious danger in the church?
3. Why is Dally so hard on Pony?

Chapter 7:

1. Why would being crippled be far worse for Johnny than for anyone else?
2. Why would Two-Bit think Johnny, Pony, and Dally were always heroes, even before they saved the children?
3. What was Bob's "real" problem, according to Randy?

Chapter 8:

1. "We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason." Who is talking? What does he mean and what is the reason?
2. If Dally didn't have Soda and Pony, why would he be a Soc?

Chapter 9:

1. When Pony asks, "What kind of a world is it where all I have to be proud of is a reputation for being a hood and greasy hair?," what comment is he making about how society judges people?
2. What is the difference between Tim Shepard's gang and Ponyboy's? Explain how Pony feels this difference might give his gang a better chance to win.

Chapter 10:

1. How does Pony's dreaming, or lying to himself, finally work in this chapter?
2. Why do you think Dally would have wanted to die?

Chapter 11:

1. Explain why Pony might prefer anybody's hate instead of their pity?
2. "I had the knife. I killed Bob." Who is talking? What is going through his head?

Chapter 12:

1. What 3 things happen to Pony after the hearing?
2. Why doesn't Pony feel scared when the Socs approach? What is his first reaction?
3. How do we know that Sandy didn't love Soda as much as he loved her?
4. What do we learn what was so special about Johnny?
5. How did Johnny understand the Robert Frost poem?

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A Long Walk To Water by Linda Sue Park

Comprehension Questions: Please answer all questions in complete sentences on loose leaf.

Chapter 1

1. This novel has two different story lines within it. Who is the main character of the first story line (Sudan, 2008)?
2. How old is this character?
3. Who is the main character of the second story line (Sudan, 1985)?
4. Where is this character (specifically) when his story begins?
5. What is this character's tribe called?
6. How old is this character?
7. In what way does this character realize he is lucky?
8. Describe this character's family.
9. What does this character look forward to getting when he gets home?
10. What happens that interrupts this character's normal day?
11. Where does this character and the others with him go?
12. What is happening where this character lives?

Chapter 2

1. What happens to Nya in this chapter?
2. How do the people walking along with Salva choose to divide themselves up?
3. What is the name of Salva's village?
4. What do the soldiers do with the people?
5. What does Salva try to do in the rebel camp?
6. What happens to the men the next morning?
7. Where do the women and children sleep after leaving the rebel camp?
8. What has happened to Salva when he awakes after an itchy night in the hay?

Chapter 3

1. Describe the pond where Nya gets water.
2. Does the water Nya gets sound good to drink? Explain.
3. How does Nya carry the water home?

4. Why does Salva think the others left him behind?
5. What does Salva see when he leaves the barn?
6. How does he know the woman is part of his tribe?
7. What does the woman give Salva when he first approaches her?
8. How long does Salva stay with the woman?
9. Why do Salva and the woman have to separate?
10. What does Salva hear as he sits in the barn pondering the woman's words?

Chapter 4

1. What does Nya's mother do with the water?
2. What does Nya have to eat when she returns home?
3. What does her mother tell Nya to do on her next trip to the pond?
4. What do the strangers say when the old woman asks them to take Salva with them?
5. Why does one man agree to bring Salva with them?
6. What does the old woman give Salva before he leaves with the others?
7. Who else joins the group after about a week of walking?
8. Who is the young man that Salva walks next to on the day the group eats well?
9. Who finds food for the group and what food does this person find?

Chapter 5

1. How far from Nya's village is the big lake?
2. Why doesn't Nya's family live near the big lake all the time?
3. How does Nya fetch water at the lake?
4. What happened when the group tried to get the honey from the beehive?
5. Why can one man not enjoy the honey?
6. How does Salva meet Marial?
7. Where is the group headed?
8. What do the Dinka call the Atuot and why?

Chapter 6

1. What does Nya like about the camp at the lake?
2. What is Nya's mother afraid of when the family is at the lake camp?

3. Who calls Salva's name?
4. How long had this person been walking with the group before finding Salva?
5. What does this person have that makes him useful to the group?
6. What causes Salva to be up sick most of a night?
7. What does this person tell Salva after Salva and the group have slept just off the path following a ten hour all-night walk?

Chapter 7

1. Why is Nya worried about her little sister, Akeer?
2. What choice is Nya's family faced with?
3. What does Salva think has happened to Marial?
4. What obstacle does the group need to cross to get to Ethiopia?
5. How does the group overcome this obstacle?
6. How does Salva help in this task?

Chapter 8

1. What choice does Nya's family make about Akeer's illness?
2. What is the family told to do to keep Akeer from getting sick again?
3. Why will this be difficult while the family is at the lake camp?
4. Where does Salva's group stop on their journey across the Nile?
5. What does Uncle share with Salva?
6. What does Salva remember his father bringing as a treat from the marketplace? What was special about the way this treat was transported?
7. What happens after all the fishermen go into their tents?
8. What warning are the travelers given about the next part of their journey?

Chapter 9

1. Who shows up in Nya's village and what do they talk about with the chief?
2. How long does Uncle say it will take to cross the desert?
3. What happens toward the end of their first day in the desert that makes it hard for Salva to continue?
4. How does Uncle keep Salva going?
5. What does the group find on the second day of their journey across the desert?

Chapter 10

1. What do the men who visit the village say they will find between the two trees where the village usually gathers around a big fire?
2. What happens to the men that are given water by women in the group?
3. What does Salva ask Uncle on their third day in the desert? What is Uncle's response?
4. What else does Uncle tell Salva that upsets him?
5. What gives Salva a little hope that he might see his family again someday?
6. What does the group find by a small muddy pool of water?
7. What happens as the group is gathered around the muddy pool of water?

Chapter 11

1. What do the villagers begin working on after the two men in the jeep leave?
2. Where does the group bury Uncle?
3. What happened to the stork the group was cooking?
4. How does Salva feel now that Marial and Uncle are both gone?
5. How does the attitude of the group toward Salva change once Uncle is dead?
6. What does Salva see when he reaches the refugee camp?
7. Who does Salva think he sees on his second day in the camp?

Chapter 12

1. What is the red iron giraffe that is brought to the village?
2. What do the villagers do with the rocks that the women bring back to the village?
3. What does Salva realize as he is trying to catch up with the woman in the orange headscarf?
4. How long does Salva live at the refugee camp?
5. How old is Salva when the camp is closed?
6. Where do the soldiers chase the people of the camp?
7. What are the dangers of the place the people are being driven toward?

Chapter 13

1. What does Nya find funny about drilling for water?
2. What discourages the drilling crew?
3. Who keeps encouraging and pushing the workers to continue working?

4. What happens to the young man Salva watches jump into the river?
5. What forces Salva to finally jump into the water?
6. How does another boy accidentally save Salva's life?
7. Where does Salva decide to walk toward?
8. What happens as Salva is walking?
9. What does Salva decide the group needs to do to travel safely?
10. How many boys make it to Kenya? How long does it take?

Chapter 14

1. What happens on the third afternoon of drilling in Nya's village?
2. What makes Nya frown as she watches the people celebrate?
3. How old is Salva in the beginning of this chapter?
4. What was Kakuma like?
5. How long did Salva stay at Kakuma?
6. Where does Salva go after he leaves Kakuma?
7. Who teaches Salva how to read and play volleyball?
8. What rumor begins spreading through the camps?
9. What sort of people will be given the opportunity Salva has heard about?
10. Where does the list say Salva is going?

Chapter 15

1. Why does Dep say the water coming from the borehole is muddy?
2. What are the orphans like Salva from Sudan being called in America?
3. Where does Salva go from Ifo to prepare for his trip to America?
4. What one thing does Salva remember clearly from his preparations to go to America?
5. What does Salva have to drink on the airplane that reminds him of his family?
6. How many planes does Salva have to take to get to his new home?
7. Describe Salva's new family.

Chapter 16

1. What do the men in the village start doing after the first spray of water?
2. What has Salva not seen in his first month in Rochester?
3. What does Salva focus on to block out the confusion of his new life?
4. How long had it taken Salva to get from Ifo to Rochester?
5. What does Salva decide to study in college?
6. Salva gets an e-mail from his cousin. What does this message tell him?
7. How long does it take to get Salva's trip back to Sudan organized?

Chapter 17

1. What does Nya's father tell her is being built near the tree?
2. How long has it been since Salva and his father had seen each other?
3. What has happened to the rest of Salva's family?
4. What had made Salva's father sick?
5. What does Salva think about that helps him get over his stage fright the first time he speaks in front of an audience to raise funds for his project?

Chapter 18

1. What does the leader of the workers do before the villagers use the new well pump for the first time?
2. Who is working the well pump when Nya gets water? Why would this person be the one to work the pump this first day?
3. What other changes will be coming to the village because of the new well?
4. What does Dep tell Nya that surprises her?
5. What does Nya say to the leader of the work crew?
6. Who is the leader of the work crew?