

## Answers - List of characters in The Outsiders

### Greasers

**Ponyboy Michael Curtis:** 14. His parents have been killed in a car accident, and he lives with his two brothers.

*Primary. Protagonist (hero). Narrator. Dynamic, rounded.*

**Soda(pop) Patrick Curtis:** 16, going on 17. Middle Curtis brother. High school dropout and works at the local gas station. He is "movie-star" handsome and easy going.

*Secondary. Dynamic, rounded.*

**Darrel (Darry) Shayne Curtis:** 20. Oldest Curtis brother and legal guardian of Ponyboy and Soda. He works too hard and too long, and would be in college, if life had turned out different.

*Secondary. Dynamic, rounded.*

**Dallas (Dally) Winston:** 17. Originally from New York City. Tougher than the others already been to prison.

*Primary. Deuteragonist. Mentor. Dynamic, rounded.*

**Johnny Cade:** 16. The "gang's pet." Physically small, abused by parents, 'jumped' by Socs and Dally is his hero.

*Primary. Deuteragonist. Confidante. Dynamic, rounded.*

**Steve Randle:** 17. Soda's best friend and works at the gas station with Soda.

*Tertiary. Static, flat.*

**Keith (Two-Bit) Mathews:** 18. Despite being one of the oldest he is still a junior in high school. The comedian of the gang.

*Tertiary. Static, flat.*

**Tim Shepard:** Leader of another Greaser gang, but also a hood, so more dangerous.

*Tertiary. Static, flat.*

**Curly Shepard:** Tim's younger brother who was in prison.

*Tertiary. Stock - Static, flat.*

**The Brumly Gang:** more hoods.

*Tertiary. Stock - Static, flat.*

### Socials

**Sherri (Cherry) Valance:** 16. A cheerleader and girlfriend of Bob. Cherry and Ponyboy meet at the drive-in and become friends. Cherry is attracted to Dally.

*Secondary. Love Interest, the confidante. Static, flat.*

**Marcia:** 16. Cherry's friend.

*Tertiary, stock*

**Bob Sheldon:** The Soc who originally attacked Johnny, attacks both Johnny and Pony in the park, and is killed by Johnny Cade when some Socs try to drown Ponyboy.

*Tertiary, stock*

**Randy Adderson:** The owner of the blue Mustang that haunts Johnny. He is Bob's best friend and talks to Ponyboy before the rumble.

*Tertiary, the foil, static, rounded*

**David:** The guy who tried to drown Ponyboy

*Tertiary, stock*

**Paul Holden:** Used to be a friend of Darry's at school, but fights Darry in the rumble.

*Tertiary, the foil, static, flat*

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### Other characters

**Buck Merrill:** Mid-20s. Dally's friend and rodeo partner. He lends Dally his T-bird.

**Tertiary, stock - he likes Hank Williams, not much more you need to know**

**Johnny's parents:** Fight and drink a lot. Physically abuse and neglect Johnny.

**Tertiary, stock**

**Jerry Wood:** School teacher with the children in the church, and goes with Ponyboy in the ambulance.

**Tertiary, static, rounded**

**Mrs O'Briant:** another teacher with the children in the church

**Tertiary, stock**

**Mr Syme:** Ponyboy's English teacher

**Tertiary, stock.**

**The Judge, policeman, doctor and nurses**

**Tertiary, stock**

### Characters we never meet

**Curtis boy's parents:** Died in a car crash.

**Tertiary, static, rounded...ish**

**Evie:** Steve's girlfriend we never meet

**Tertiary, stock**

**Sandy:** Sodapop's girlfriend

**Tertiary, stock**

**Sylvia:** Dally's girlfriend who cheated on him when he was in prison, again we never meet them.

**Tertiary, stock.**

**The antagonist - Society, social inequality**

'No rival gang. Only Socs. And you can't win against them no matter how hard you try, because they've got all the breaks and even whipping them isn't going to change that fact.' (P13)