**Focus Questions -**

**Highlight your answers in the story. Write responses beside the specific paragraphs indicated.**

1. As you reread *The Outsiders*, highlight specific textual evidence in paragraphs 1–7 that helped you infer Ponyboy’s point of view about the Socs. Use the annotation tool to record your inferences.

2. What textual evidence in paragraphs 9–14 helps you infer that Cherry is beginning to influence Ponyboy’s point of view about the Socs? Highlight the textual evidence. Use the annotation tool to support your analysis.

3. In paragraph 15, what evidence is there that Ponyboy’s point of view about the Socs is beginning to change? Highlight textual evidence and use the annotation tool to explain your reasoning.

4. In paragraph 16, Cherry says, “You greasers have a different set of values. You’re more emotional.” In contrast, she says that Socs are “sophisticated—cool to the point of not feeling anything. Nothing is real with us.” Highlight textual evidence collected throughout the excerpt that supports Cherry’s point of view. Use the annotation tool to explain your choices.

5. Use textual evidence and inferences drawn from *The Outsiders* to describe how this interaction between Ponyboy and Cherry demonstrates that human interactions are challenging. Highlight the specific textual evidence and use the annotation tool to record your inferences.