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Breaking Labels

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The novel shows that Greasers and Socs both have struggles and that people should be judged by their character, not their group.
2. Answers will vary—some may say yes, because teenagers are still judged based on their background, while others may say no, because people are more open-minded today.
3. Answers will vary—students might say they would try to befriend people from different groups or show kindness to break stereotypes.
4. Hinton tells the story from Ponyboy's point of view so readers can see how his perspective changes and how he learns to look past labels.

