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Stay Gold

Short Answer Key

1. Johnny wants Ponyboy to stay kind and hopeful, instead of becoming hardened by the world.
2. The poem says that gold, which represents innocence, doesn't last forever, just like childhood.
3. At first, Ponyboy becomes angry and starts acting tough, like a typical Greaser.
4. After reading Johnny's note, Ponyboy decides to write his story and stay true to himself.
5. The Greasers live hard lives filled with violence and struggle, making it hard for them to hold onto innocence.

