

Name _____

Golden Moments

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Johnny's words encourage Ponyboy to stay hopeful and kind, no matter what challenges he faces.
2. Answers will vary—students might describe a special vacation, a fun time with friends, or a happy childhood memory.
3. Hinton includes the poem to highlight the novel's theme about the loss of innocence and the beauty of fleeting moments.
4. Answers will vary—students might say they would stay gold by being kind, following their dreams, or seeing the good in people.

