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Finding Belonging

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Many people still feel pressure to fit into certain groups at school or in society. Others may say people today have more freedom to be themselves.
2. Some might say they would encourage Greasers and Socs to talk more and find common ground, like Cherry and Ponyboy did.
3. The novel shows that identity is about character and choices, not just which group you belong to.
4. Some might say The Outsiders is still important because it teaches about friendship, identity, and understanding others beyond stereotypes.

