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## Coping with Loss

### Short Answer Key

1. Johnny was the only person Dally truly cared about, and losing him made Dally feel like he had nothing left.
2. Dally lets his grief destroy him, while Ponyboy learns from it and finds a way to heal.
3. Johnny tells Ponyboy to "stay gold," meaning he should keep his kindness and love for life even after hard times.
4. Writing his story helps Ponyboy process his grief and share what he has learned.
5. The Greasers don't have many people in their lives, so losing a close friend feels like losing a family member.

