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Lasting Impact

Short Answer Key

1. Ponyboy's struggle to figure out who he is makes the novel relatable because many young people go through the same challenge.
2. The rivalry between the Greasers and Socs mirrors how people today are still judged based on wealth, appearance, or social status.
3. The Outsiders teaches that friendship is important, especially during difficult times, as the Greasers support each other like a family.
4. S.E. Hinton was a teenager when she wrote the book, so she wrote honestly about real teenage emotions and struggles.
5. "Stay gold" means to hold onto goodness, innocence, and hope even when life is difficult.

