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Lasting Impact

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Many young readers connect with the book's themes of friendship, identity, and social divisions, which makes it feel relevant no matter the time period.
2. Some people may say yes, because differences in wealth and popularity still exist, while others may say no, because people today have more opportunities to connect and understand each other.
3. Some possible changes could include modern technology, different styles of clothing, or new ways of showing the Greasers and Socs' differences.
4. The most important lesson is that people should not be judged by their background. Readers today can apply this by being kind to others and seeing people as individuals.

