The Outsiders: Theme
Chapters 10-12

Theme is the central idea or message in a work of literature. Because theme is so important to a piece of literature, the title, plot, characters, and mood, all creatively work together to create a universal meaning or message about life.

Directions: For the following questions, Write a theme related to the quote.

1. “We gotta win the fight tonight,” Dally said. His voice was hard. “We gotta get even with the socs. For Johnny.”
   Theme:

2. “Just don’t forget that some of us watch the same sunset too.”
   Theme:

3. “You know,” Johnny said slowly, “I never noticed the colors and clouds and stuff until you kept reminding me about them. It seems like they were never there before.”
   Theme:

Directions: Find a quote that supports the following themes.

4. It is important for teenagers to feel like they are loved and supported.
   Example/Quote:

5. Loyalty is important in any relationships.
6. Example/Quote:

7. Friendship is something all humans need.
8. Example/Quote: