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The Outsiders

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The Outsiders (Sodapop Curtis Character analysis)

The Outsiders is a novel written by S.E Hinton. The book is about two different 'gangs'. One rich named the Socs, and the other group poor and named the Greasers. The book is taken from one of the Greasers point of view, and the Greasers name is Ponyboy. Ponyboy is about 14, and has two older brothers, Darry, and Sodapop. Sodapop is funny, kind, responsible, and trustworthy. Darry, who is about 20 years old, is the oldest, and must take care of Sodapop and Ponyboy since their parents died in a car crash. He tends to yell at a Ponyboy, but deep down he really loves Ponyboy. Sodapop is a very loyal, nice, kind, and responsible older brother, especially since he has to grow up quickly since his parents died in a car crash.

The first reason is because he doesn't have any parents, so he has to grow up quickly, and take care of Ponyboy. He is a very trustworthy boy, and if he wasn't responsible, then it would be bad for Ponyboy and himself, because then Darry would have to take care of them all by himself. The reason he doesn't have parents, is because, "Since Mom and Dad were killed in an auto wreck, the three of us get to stay together only as long as we behave." Pg. 3. This last line states that Sodapop has to behave, or else the three of them would be separated and put in a boys home apart from each other.

The second reason for this is because he also has to work at a young age. He is about 16 years old, and he already has to work as a technician at a young age in order to keep food on the

table for Ponyboy and Dally. And also, being a technician is not an easy job for a 16 year old kid. "He and Soda worked at the same gas station-Steve part time and Soda full time." Sodapop is truly a great older brother, especially since he works full time at a young age, and he's working even if he doesn't want to.

The third and final reason is because he loves Ponyboy and takes care of him, along with looking out for him. He loves him so much, that when Ponyboy ran away, Sodapop wrote Ponyboy the note saying that Soda hoped that he was okay. This shows that Sodapop is very kind and passionate about Ponyboy, and will always be there for him. In the very beginning of the book, when Ponyboy gets jumped by the Socs, Darry and the gang, along with Sodapop, rush to the scene to protect Ponyboy. After they chase the Socs away, Sodapop says; "Soda rubbed my hair. 'Your an okay kid, Ponyboy'". Pg 8. And then, when Ponyboy was scared after the Socs jumped him, Sodapop said; "Sodapop put his hand on my shoulder. 'Easy, Ponyboy. They ain't gonna hurt you no more.'". Also on page 8.

Sodapop also shows compassion by inviting Ponyboy around with him, although Steve Randal doesn't always like it. "Soda always asked me; I didn't ask him." Pg 8. Just in this first chapter, you get the feel of how Sodapop acts towards Ponyboy; nice, kind, loving, caring, and concerned towards him.

Overall, Sodapop is an awesome older brother that will always be there for Ponyboy when he needs him.