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Caring Brothers

Taking care of family can be difficult and a struggle when there is no support of parents. Both Antonio and Darry from the story, “*Brotherly Love”*, and *The Outsiders* had to take care of their siblings because their parents were dead. Both Darry and Antonio, the older brothers, had many similarities and differences in how they took care of their brother and sisters.

The brothers had many similarities when taking care of their younger siblings. First both Darry and Antonio had to give up their career to continue supporting their family. For instance, Darry was very athletic and intelligent. Seeing that Darry was athletic and intelligent, it meant that he had a good chance to go to college, but instead, Darry had to take care of his brothers after their father and mother passed away. Furthermore, Antonio had to give up the opportunity to go to law school or become a cop. This meant that he had to stop pursuing the career he been working for to take care of his siblings. Equally important, both Antonio and Darry were very strict with their siblings, but this would help the brothers and sisters in the long run, also known as tough love. For example, Darry and Antonio were strict about their siblings’ homework, with chores, and had time restrictions, or curfew. Likewise, they both had low paying jobs. This made Darry and Antonio work hard to take care of their relatives. In the stories, it stated that Darry was a roofer, and Antonio was a counselor. Siblings are hard to raise when there is no parent support. If they did have parent assistance in the family, then both of their lives would be distinguishable.

On the other hand, these compassionate brothers were also very different in their personalities and how they raised their family. First, something different between the two was the gang activity. For example, Darry was in the Greasers gang. But unlike Darry, Antonio was not in any gang activity. In addition, something that set these two different is the number of siblings that they had. Raising 2 siblings was Darry’s job, and Antonio had to raise 4 siblings. Also, Darry follows the Open-Door Policy, in contrast to Antonio, who does not use the policy. Because Darry would use this policy, it meant that he would let anybody in to his house. But, Antonio does not believe this rule as he doesn’t let anybody into his house without a reason.

These two hard-working and warmhearted brothers had some similarities and differences between each other in raising their brothers and sisters. Family is very important, regardless of the situation that you're in.