R.A.C.E.

R. – Restate the question

- Turn the question into a declarative sentence and add so or because
- **Question** – Who does Ponyboy identify with?
  - **Example** – In the first paragraph of the book, Pony identifies himself with
- **Question** – How is Ponyboy like the others in his group?
  - **Example** – Ponyboy is like the others in his group because
- **Question** – How is Ponyboy different from the other members of his group?
  - **Example** – Ponyboy is different from the other members of his group by

A. – Answer the question

- Can usually combine R. and A. into one sentence. This isn’t required but is sometimes helpful when practicing this strategy.
  - **Example** – In the first paragraph of the book, Pony identifies himself with the Greasers.
  - **Example** – Ponyboy is like the others in his group because he gets in trouble, he greases his hair, he doesn’t like the Socs.
  - **Example** – Ponyboy is different from the other members of his group by being the younger than the other gang members, by liking to go to school and not dropping out, and he’s kind to the Soc girls.

C. – Cite the evidence

- Quote a minimum of two examples from the story that support the answer. Make sure to use quotation marks and exact words. (This is a MSP strategy.)
  - **Example** – In the first paragraph of the book, Pony identifies himself with the Greasers. “He thinks to himself that he shouldn’t be walking alone because Greasers are often either jumped or screamed at by passing cars yelling ‘Greaser.’” He also worries about Greasers being jumped by the Socs.

E. – Explain the answer

- Discuss how the evidence supports the answer – very similar to a conclusion
  - **Example** – In the first paragraph of the book, Pony identifies himself with the Greasers. “He thinks to himself that he shouldn’t be walking alone because Greasers are often either jumped or screamed at by passing cars yelling ‘Greaser.’” He also worries about Greasers being jumped by the Socs. Both of these thoughts show that Ponyboy is worried about the consequences of being a Greaser. He wouldn’t be worried if he didn’t identify himself with the Greaser’s gang.