

8.3.6 Formative Assessment #2—Personal Connection

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Directions: Answer the following questions as honestly and realistically as possible:

1. What would your parents say if you took a Greaser like Dallas Winston home and introduced him as your best friend?

2. Why?

3. Think of your standard of living compared to the Greasers and the Socs. Which group do you think you have more in common with in terms of education of your parents, how you are provided for financially, and the number of people in your family? Describe your situation in a paragraph.

4. Realistically, what standard of living do you want for your future? In other words, with how hard you work and your ambition, how do you think you will be living 20 years from now?

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Topic: Adolescent Violence in The Outsiders– pg. 67

1. While at school, you hear from a friend that someone was talking “stink” about you and wants to fight you at the ravine after school. How have your parents taught you to handle the situation?

2. What is your personal opinion about violent behavior: is violent behavior acceptable, and if so, under what circumstances? If not, why is it not acceptable?

3. Based on your values, explain how your beliefs made you view the violent behavior of the characters in The Outsiders? Explain your answer in a paragraph. Use the space provided to write your answer.
