8.RL.3 - Analyze how particular lines of dialogue reveal aspects of a character.

Directions: Read over the lines of dialogue and determine what is being revealed about the character.

Ch. 1 – What does the following dialogue reveal about Darry?

> pp 13. "I was coming home from the movies. I didn't think…"
> "You don't ever think," Darry broke in, "not at home or anywhere when it counts. You must think at school, with all those good grades you bring home, and you've always got your nose in a book, but do you ever use your head for common sense? No sirree, bub. And if you did have to go by yourself, you should have carried a blade."

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Ch. 2 – What does the following dialogue reveal about Cherry?

> pp 21. "You'd better leave us alone," the redhead said in a biting voice, "or I'll call the cops."
> "Oh my, my" – Dally looked bored – "you got me scared to death. You ought to see my record sometime baby." He grinned slyly. "Guess what I've been in for?"
> "Please leave us alone," she said. "Why don't you be nice and leave us alone?"
> Dally grinned roguishly. "I'm never nice. Want a coke?"
> She was mad by then. "I wouldn't drink it if I was starving in the desert. Get lost hood!"

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Ch. 3 – What does the following dialogue reveal about Pony?

> pp 45. Two bit broke a bottle and passed it to Pony.
> Cherry shuddered. "I can't stand fights…I can't stand them." I pulled her to one side. "I couldn't use this," I said, dropping the bottle. "I couldn't ever cut anyone…" I had to tell her that, because I'd seen her eyes when Two-Bit flicked out his switch.

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Ch. 4 – What does the following dialogue reveal about Bob?

> pp 55. "Hey, whatta ya know?" Bob said a little unsteadily," here's the little greasers that picked up our girls. Hey, greasers."
> "You're out of your territory." Johnny warned in a low voice. You'd better watch it."
> Bob was eying Johnny. "Nup, pal, yer the ones who'd better watch it. Next time you want a broad, pick up yer own kind – dirt."
> I was getting mad. I was hating them enough to lose my head.
> "You know what a greaser is?" Bob asked. "White trash with long hair."

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