



ANSWERS

1. S.E. Hinton, a young woman who wrote the novel when she was 15 years old.
2. The author grew up in Tulsa, OK in the 1960s, and the setting has much similarity to this place and time.
3. The main conflict is the rivalry between two gangs, the greasers and the Socs, from different sides of town. These two groups are separated geographically by living in different part of town, and separated socially by their different interests and class status. Within this broader context, the protagonist, Ponyboy, Ponyboy's struggles to understand his own identity and his place in society.