

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **The Outsiders**

## Characterization & Figurative Language Answer Key

### Passage 1 – Ponyboy

- Device: Irony (self-reflection, understatement)
- Reveals Ponyboy’s characterization as intelligent but still immature; he doesn’t always act wisely.

### Passage 2 – Johnny

- Device: Simile (compares Johnny to a kicked puppy)
- Reveals Johnny’s vulnerability, trauma, and sense of being lost/abused but also evokes sympathy.

### Passage 3 – Soda

- Device: Hyperbole / Imagery
- Reveals Soda’s attractiveness and charm; he is magnetic and carefree compared to Darry.