

# Example Randy's Post Mortem RACE

## Mouth

**R/A**= One of the most significant things that Randy says in the book, is when he corrects himself after he refers to Ponyboy as a greaser.

**C**= Pony thinks Randy would have saved the kids from the fire just like he did, and Randy says, "Thanks, grease...I didn't mean that. I meant, thanks, kid" (Hinton 117).

**E**= This shows that Randy's initial thoughts about greasers based on their **appearance** has changed to show the **reality** of greasers being teenagers just like him with their own set of problems. (**appearance vs. reality**)

## Torso

**R/A**= Randy fears disappointing his father.

**C**= When Randy visits Ponyboy before the rumble, Randy says, "I wouldn't mind getting fined...but I feel lousy about the old man. And it's the first time I've felt anything in a long time" (Hinton 164).

**E**= This shows that Randy fears losing his **family's** love because of his involvement in the novel's events. He needs the **love** of his father just like the other characters desire to be loved by their families. (**family, love**)

## Heart

**R/A**= Randy shows love for Bob when he talks about him as a good friend.

**C**= When trying to show the positive side of Bob, Randy says, "Bob was a good guy. He was the best buddy a guy ever had. I mean, he was a good fighter and tuff and everything, but he was a real person too" (Hinton 116).

**E**= This shows that Randy and Bob had a strong **friendship** and that is one of the reasons why losing him is so hard. He has lost someone he was very close to. (**friendship**)

*Hey! Did you realize that you have two hands and two feet? That means two pieces of evidence for your writing!*

## **Hands**

**R/A**= Two important actions that Randy takes in the book are when: 1) Randy is at the park on the night of Bob's death. 2) Bob visits Ponyboy after Johnny's death.

**C**= 1) As Randy and his Soc friends are getting ready to fight Ponyboy and Johnny the text says, "Randy swore at us and they stepped closer" (Hinton 55).

2) Randy visits Ponyboy before the hearing and says, "Uh, Ponyboy, one reason I came here was to see if you were okay, but you--we--got to go see the judge tomorrow" (Hinton 164).

**E**= This shows that Randy is a character that has experienced **change**. He used to be part of the Soc crowd, but after witnessing the events in the novel, he changes to be someone who sees beyond **social class**. (**change, social class**)

## **Feet**

**R/A**= A significant event that deeply affected Randy is Bob's death, but he does not blame the greasers. Rather, he realizes that the "Soc" life is not the life he wants, and he is tired of fighting.

**C**= 1) When Randy tries to help Ponyboy understand Bob, Randy says, "I'm sick of all this. Sick and tired"(Hinton 116).

2) As Randy tries to explain to Ponyboy why he isn't fighting in the rumble, Randy says, "You can't win, even if you whip us...So it doesn't do any good, the fighting and the killing. It doesn't prove a thing" (Hinton 117).

**E**= This shows that Randy understands that **fighting** will not solve the problems between the Socs and the greasers and that it will not bring his friend back. (**fighting/violence**)