Questions About Society and Class

1. From Pony's perspective, what advantages do the wealthier Socials have that he doesn't? Why are these important?
2. ~~At the rumble, Ponyboy thinks that Darry would be a Social if he didn't have Pony, Soda, and the gang holding him back. What do you think Pony means by this? Is it a compliment, or an insult?~~
3. Have you experienced, seen, or heard about gang conflicts like the ones depicted in *The Outsiders*? Does the novel contribute to your understanding of these situations? Why or why not?
4. What's the difference between a gang and a social club?
5. What might motivate Bob and his friends to beat up kids who have less money? What would the story be like if it was told by Bob's point of view, or by one of Bob's friends?
6. What statement does the story make on classes and society?