

BREAKFAST CLUB QUESTIONS

1. After viewing the movie, explain and describe using examples how each sociological perspective (functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionist) is represented. 3 pts
2. For each character identify their **social status** and an **example of the role** they play within their status.
 - John Bender
 - Claire Standish
 - Andrew Clark
 - Brian Johnson
 - Allison Reynolds
3. For each character identify the specific violation of the school norm that resulted in their detention.
 - John Bender
 - Claire Standish
 - Andrew Clark
 - Brian Johnson
 - Allison Reynolds
4. Identify the reference group with which **each character** would be associated.
5. Does this film portray realistic relationships between parents and their children? Explain.
6. Why do the students all pretend to not know what happened when Bender closes the door and Mr. Vernon questions them about it? Are they protecting each other? Explain.
7. What do you think makes Bender deviate from the social norms of society and school?
8. Do the teens in the Breakfast Club refer to the theory of "looking-glass self" when they look at themselves? Pick a character and explain.
9. Why do you think it took them so long to tell each other their names?
10. Explain which character from the Breakfast Club do you relate to the most?
11. Claire predicts the five of them will all go back to their separate lives on Monday. The others say they won't. What do you think will be the stronger force – peer pressure and group expectations or new-found friendships and greater self-awareness? Why?
12. What does that last quote, the letter left on the desk to Mr. Vernon, mean? How does the quote change from when it is stated in the beginning and when it is stated at the end? Explain.