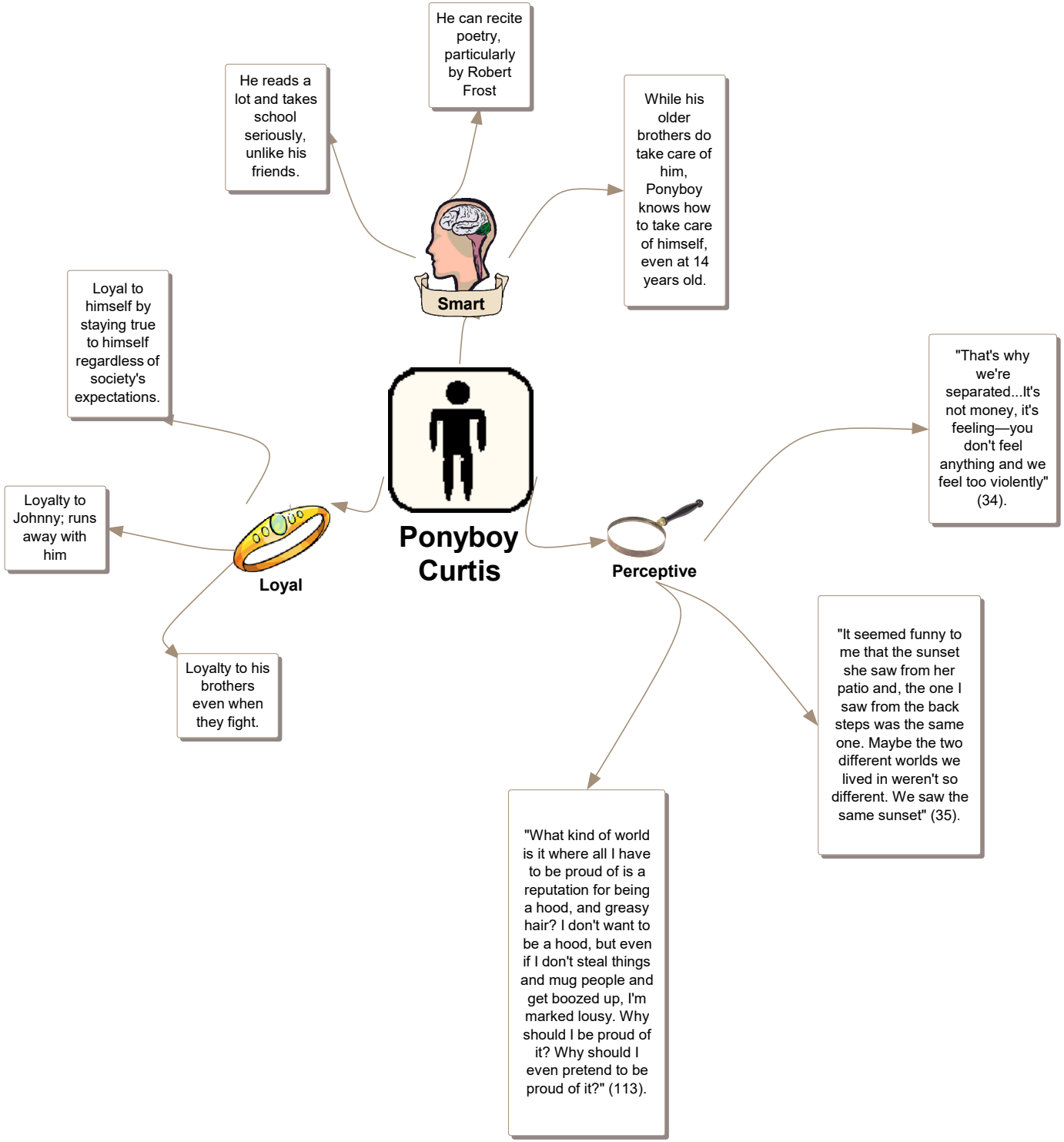
Ponyboy Curtis
Smart
He can recite poetry, particularly by Robert Frost
He reads a lot and takes school seriously, unlike his friends.
While his older brothers do take care of him, Ponyboy knows how to take care of himself, even at 14 years old.
Loyal
Loyal to himself by staying true to himself regardless of society's expectations.
Loyalty to Johnny; runs away with him
Loyalty to his brothers even when they fight.
Perceptive
"That's why we're separated...It's not money, it's feeling—you don't feel anything and we feel too violently" (34).
"It seemed funny to me that the sunset she saw from her patio and, the one I saw from the back steps was the same one. Maybe the two different worlds we lived in weren't so different. We saw the same sunset" (35).
"What kind of world is it where all I have to be proud of is a reputation for being a hood, and greasy hair? I don't want to be a hood, but even if I don't steal things and mug people and get boozed up, I'm marked lousy. Why should I be proud of it? Why should I even pretend to be proud of it?" (113).