

Bad Boy: "Mr. Irwin Lasher" Guided Reading Questions

Directions: Answer each question thoroughly, using complete sentences and citing evidence from the text. Include page numbers and direct quotes to support your answers.

1. How did the character of 125th Street change after more blacks found jobs in the stores?
2. How did Walter feel about books?
3. Why did Walter not want to fight about books?
4. Who was Mr. Irwin Lasher? Why was Walter put into his class?
5. How did Mr. Lasher handle Walter's misbehavior differently from his other teachers?
6. What two important things did Mr. Lasher do for Walter that year?
7. What effect did Mr. Lasher's confidence in Walter have on his grades and conduct during that school year?
8. How did Walter injure his knees and legs?
9. Why do YOU think he told the lie about his mother beating him?
10. Would you have restored your relationship with Mama?
Why and how?