**SCORPIONS**

**By Walter Dean Myers**

*Please answer the following questions on a* ***SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER*** *by the expected due date (see webpage for reminders).*

**Chapter 1 (pp. 3-7)**

1. Briefly summarize what you know about Jamal, Sassy, Mama, and Randy.

2. Based on the information in the story, what will MOST LIKELY happen as the story continues?

**Chapter 2 (pp. 8-14)**

1. Briefly describe what you know about Mack

2. List FOUR conflicts Jamal and his family have to face.

**Chapter 3 (pp. 15-22)**

1. Using information from the story, write an imaginary journal page as though you are Jamal describing his problems at school.

**Chapter 4 (pp. 23-40)**

1. Briefly summarize what you know about Tito.

2. If you were Jamal, what would you have chosen to do about Mack? Use information from the story to support your answer.

**Chapter 5 (pp. 41-57)**

1. How do you think Mama feels about Randy? Provide examples from tile story to support your answer.

2. On page 55, Mama says, “Lord Jesus, what is this family coming to?'' Why do you think the author includes this question to describe how Mama feels about her family's circumstances?

**Chapter 6 (pp. 58-65)**

Why did the author include this chapter about the boats? How does it add to the rising action?

**Chapter 7 (pp. 66-79)**

1. What do you think will MOST LIKELY happen if Jamal and Tito join the Scorpions? Give details from the story to support your answer.

**Chapter 8 (pp. 80-89)**

1. How do you think having the gun will PROBABLY affect Jamal, his family, and Tito? Use information from the story to support your answer.

**Chapter 9 (90-101)**

1. Write a paragraph to describe Jamal's father and explain your opinion of him.

2. If you were Tito, how would you have handled the situation with Jamal? Why? Support your answer.

**Chapter 10 (pp. 102-111)**

1. Write a brief paragraph to describe how the gun is affecting Jamal.

2. If you were Jamal at this time, what would you have chosen to do? Why? Support your answer.

**Chapter 11 (pp. 112-122)**

1. Write a paragraph to explain what PROBABLY will happen for Jamal with his job. Use Information from the story to support your answer.

**Chapter 12 (pp. 123-134)**

1. In the future, what will MOST LIKELY happen? Why? Support your answer with information from the story.

2. In this chapter, Jamal states that Tito is his best friend. Do you think Jamal is a good friend to Tito? Why or why not? Provide TWO examples to support your answer.

**Chapter 13 (pages 135-144)**

1. If you were able to speak with Jamal, what advice would you give him? Use information from tile story to support your opinion.

2. Imagine you are writing a letter to Walter Dean Myers. Write TWO questions NOT already answered in tile book that you would ask the author.

**Chapter 14 (pages 145-157)**

1. What do you think Reverend Biggs means when he says, “It's a hard life sometimes----the biggest temptation is to Iet how hard it is be an excuse to weaken''? Support your answer.

2. Write a paragraph describing a situation in which someone in another book, movie, or real life faced a very difficult confiict and was able to overcome it.

**Chapter 15 (pages 158-169)**

1. If you were Jamal and wanted to quit the Scorpions, what would you do? Why? Give details from the chapter to support your answer.

2. What do you think lndian's reaction will be to Jamal's decision? Use information from tile book to support your opinion.

**Chapter 16 (pages 170-181)**

1. What do you think will MOST LIKELY happen when Jamal and Indian meet? Give details from the story to support your answer.

2. If you were Jamal, would you meet Indian in a park at night? Why or why not? Support your answer with details from the book

**Chapter 17 (pages 182-193)**

1. If you were in Tito's situation, watching Jamal getting attacked by Indian and Angel, what would you do? How would that decision help you and Jamal? Jamal? Why? Support your answer.

**Chapter 18 (page 194-202)**

1. What do you expect will happen now as a result of the incident in the park? Provide support for your opinion.

2. Why did Jamal not see Tito immediately after the incident in Marcus Garvey Park? How did Tito interpret Jamal's reaction? Will their friendship change? Explain your answer.

**Chapter 19 (pages 203-208)**

1. Write a paragraph describing Mack at the end of tile book What “story'' did he tell Jamal? Provide details from the chapter.

2. Do you think Walter Dean Myers realistically portrays the lives of young people in the inner-city environment? Use information from the story to support your answer.

**Chapter 20 (pages 209-216)**

1. What do you think the theme or message is in Scorpions? How is that theme important to you or to other people? Provide support for your opinion.

2. At the end of the chapter, what do you think will happen to Jamal? Is he the same person he was in the beginning of the book? Support your opinion with information provided throughout the book.