

Reading Questions: *Standing Ground*  
From the Chapter Entitled  
“The Quinceañera”

1. **One of Maribel’s responsibilities at the quinceañera was to -**
  - A. tend the dress as Clarisa was walking.
  - B. cut the cake at the party.
  - C. start the dance with a speech.
  - D. collect the presents from family and friends.
  
2. **The 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 108 starting with, “Man, it has been...” suggests that -**
  - A. Clarisa misses Israel a great deal.
  - B. Clarisa is enjoying the quinceañera.
  - C. Clarisa wants to return to school quickly.
  - D. Maribel and Clarisa are having a disagreement.
  
3. **Based on Israel’s conversation with Clarisa, the reader can conclude that Israel -**
  - A. will again return to his gang life with his squad.
  - B. will attempt to return to school, but will be suspended again.
  - C. might move out of Houston to change his life.
  - D. is trying to make changes in his life, but it may take some time.

- 4. What type of tone does the author create in this chapter?**
- A. dangerous
  - B. unemotional
  - C. reflective
  - D. heartbreaking
- 5. By the end of this chapter, the reader can conclude that -**
- A. Clarisa blames much of her situation on her father’s absence.
  - B. Maribel is jealous of her sister because of the attention she received at the quinceañera.
  - C. Israel and Clarisa will never be together again as boyfriend and girlfriend.
  - D. Clarisa is at peace with her father and his absence from the festivities.
- 6. What does the final dream reveal to the reader?**
- A. Clarisa is at peace with her life and her current situation.
  - B. Clarisa is planning to meet up with gang members soon.
  - C. Clarisa is very sad about the events that have occurred in her life.
  - D. Clarisa may drop out of school.