

Reading Questions: *Standing Ground*
from Chapter Entitled
“Clarisa’s Choice”

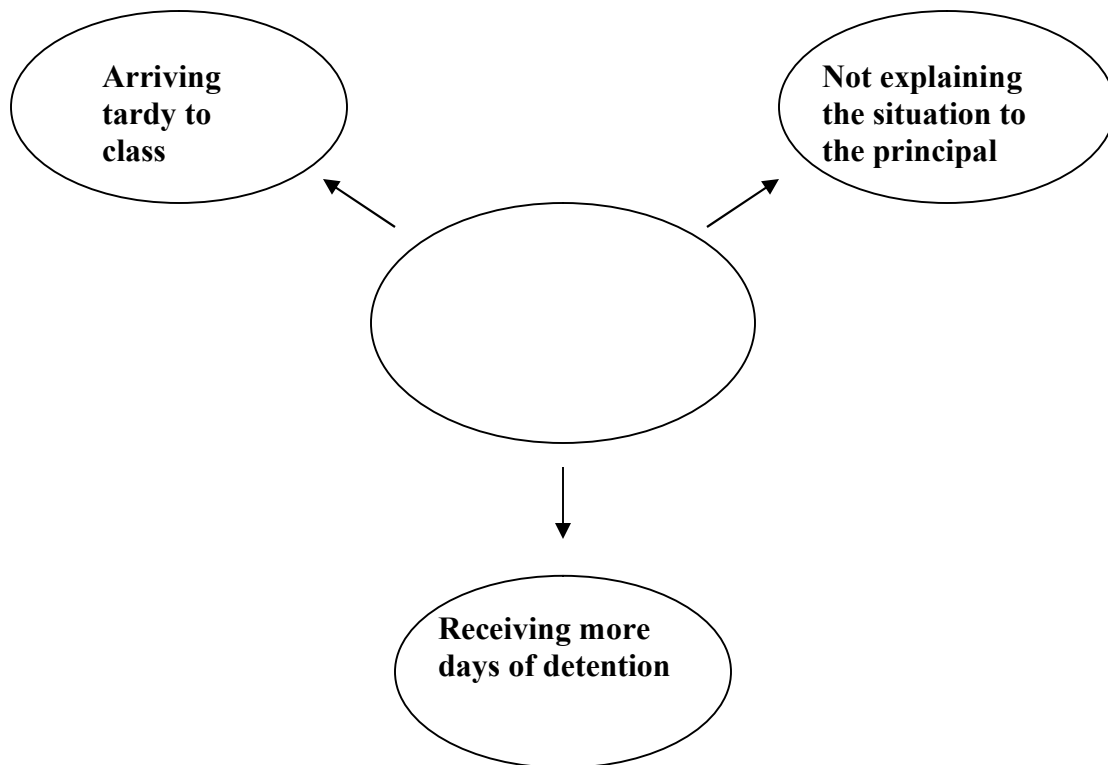
1. **In paragraph 1 on page 59, the author establishes a mood of...**
 - A. appreciation
 - B. confidence
 - C. confusion
 - D. anticipation

2. **When Clarisa wakes up, she says she is sick because...**
 - A. the tea her mother made her tastes gross
 - B. she does not want to go to the detention room
 - C. she knocks the clock down to the floor
 - D. Juanito begins to cry

3. **Which sentences best show Clarisa’s struggle with her decision regarding whether or not she should go to school?**
 - A. *Maribel is right. I should just get up and get going. Sitting in that room all day is going to be awful. Choking down Mamá’s special tea isn’t going to be much better.*
 - B. *After breakfast, the morning went as usual. When Israel arrived at the apartment, he waited outside again so that Señora Sanchez would not see his face.*
 - C. *After a few moments, Clarisa arose from the bed and walked into the kitchen. Juanito was in his high chair, painting his face with the eggs their mamá had made him for breakfast.*
 - D. *Maribel walked in, saw the cup, and smiled from ear to ear. She was enjoying seeing Clarisa squirm.*

4. **Page 61 is mostly about...**
- A. Juarez Middle School’s disciplinary system
 - B. Israel’s gang is standing up for themselves
 - C. Israel, Maribel, and Clarisa walking to school
 - D. Clarisa’s choice to skip school

5. **Look at the web of information from *Standing Ground*.**



Which idea belongs in the empty circle?

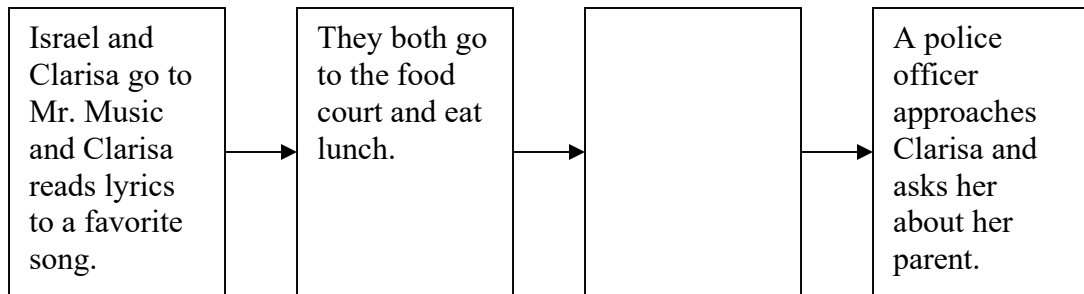
- A. Reasons Israel Is Suspended From School
- B. Situations Contributing To Maribel’s Discipline
- C. Reasons That Contribute to Clarisa Skipping School
- D. Juarez Middle School’s Disciplinary Procedure

6. **From the information presented on pages 63-64, the reader can conclude that Israel...**
- A. does not care about Clarisa’s future
 - B. has friends and is wise to the ways of the streets
 - C. wants Clarisa to drop out of school
 - D. usually has a lot of money
7. **Which idea best describes Israel’s and Clarisa’s interactions on the bus?**
- A. They each believe that they must lie in order not to get in trouble.
 - B. Israel believes that people should be polite to the elderly.
 - C. Clarisa believes that they should go back to school.
 - D. They believe that they look like siblings.
8. **The reader can determine from the conversation that Israel and Clarisa had on the bench in front of the mall that...**
- A. Israel is careless and dangerous
 - B. Clarisa is sad and has a difficult life
 - C. Israel respects and cares deeply for Clarisa
 - D. they have superficial conversations and argue often

9. Why does Clarisa get angry at Israel in the mall?

- A. Israel is walking too fast in the mall and won’t slow down.
- B. She believes that he is going to leave her alone.
- C. Israel will not share his money.
- D. She feels that Israel does not respect her opinions.

10. Read the diagram of information from this chapter.



Which of the following belongs in the empty box?

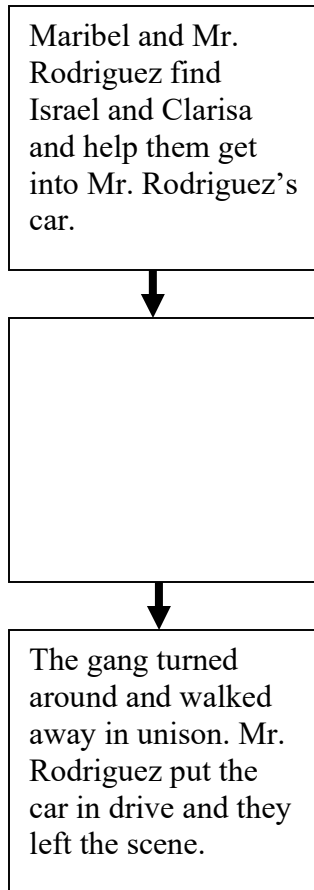
- A. Israel runs away down the center of the mall.
- B. Israel and Clarisa run away and hide.
- C. While in a department store, Clarisa samples perfume.
- D. Israel gets some money from Abel.

- 11. On line 30 on page 73, the word impatience means...**
- A. intolerance of delay
 - B. acceptance of a situation
 - C. desire for valuables
 - D. intrusion of space
- 12. On page 74, the officer knows that Clarisa is lying when...**
- A. Clarisa points to the far corner of the food court
 - B. the officer releases his grip
 - C. the woman turns to the officer and shakes her head no
 - D. Israel tugs on Clarisa’s arm
- 13. Before Israel and Clarisa walked to the back exit of the mall and exited, they chose to...**
- A. hide from the police officer behind a refrigerator
 - B. buy some more music from the store
 - C. go back to the food court to eat
 - D. continue to shop for clothes

- 14. By reading page 79, the reader can determine...**
- A. Israel is going to be involved in a gang-related fight.
 - B. Clarisa is beginning to regret her decisions.
 - C. Maribel will inform Mamá that Clarisa skipped school.
 - D. Mr. Rodriguez will inform the authorities about his missing student.
- 15. A good description of Abel’s house would be...**
- A. attractive and inviting
 - B. ancient and curious
 - C. trashy and disgusting
 - D. new and beautiful
- 16. The conversation at the house between Israel and Abel is interrupted when...**
- A. Mr. Rodriguez knocks on the door
 - B. Israel and Clarisa exit the back of the house
 - C. a rock crashes through the window
 - D. Abel asks Clarisa to leave the house

- 17. Which quote from pages 83 and/or 84 best indicates that Israel is brave?**
- A. *“This is what I want you to do. Go through the kitchen to the back door. Wait there.”*
 - B. *Israel looked confidently at her. “No, they won’t. I told you that I’ll get us out of this.”*
 - C. *“Clarisa, put your foot in my hands, and I’ll lift you over the top of the fence.”*
 - D. *“I’m coming for you, fool! You ain’t getting’ out of this one, and neither is your girl!” he shouted.*
- 18. Clarisa could not keep running because...**
- A. Number Thirty-Four was holding on to her hand
 - B. she hurt her ankle jumping over a fence
 - C. she was out of shape from a lack of exercise
 - D. she and Israel got lost and had to stop to search for directions
- 19. Page 75 and 76 are mostly about...**
- A. Clarisa’s injury and how it affects the chances of her escaping danger
 - B. Israel’s ability to fight
 - C. Clarisa and Israel are trying to avoid the gangsters by hiding
 - D. the gangsters showing pride in their gang name

20. Look at the timeline below...



Which of the following belongs in the empty box?

- A. Mr. Rodriguez talks with the gang members and gives them advice. He convinces them to let them drive away.
- B. Clarisa begins to cry in the back seat of the car. Israel and Maribel examine her ankle and apply first aid.
- C. The gangsters release Abel to Mr. Rodriguez and allow him to get in the car. Israel is relieved that he is safe.
- D. Israel decides to take control of the situation and challenges Number Thirty-Four. A future date is set for another confrontation.

- 21. On page 91, the word unison means...**
- A. one after another
 - B. strolling slowly
 - C. arguing with each other
 - D. all at the same time
- 22. Which of the following correctly describes the setting of this chapter?**
- A. Juarez Middle School
 - B. the outlying community in which Clarisa lives
 - C. an exciting adventure and dangerous encounters
 - D. it is told in the third person
- 23. The author organizes this chapter by...**
- A. relating Israel’s experiences as a Gangsta to Clarisa’s school activities
 - B. summarizing the experiences of Mr. Rodriguez and relating those experiences to present-day situations
 - C. describing a set of experiences that the protagonist of the story has, and The resulting consequences that occur due to her choices
 - D. listing the number of ways that the surrounding community can impede the education of students

- 24. From Mr. Rodriguez’s comments on page 90, the reader can infer that...**
- A. he is disrespectful and thoughtless
 - B. he does not understand the people in the community
 - C. he is nervous and easily loses his temper
 - D. he is calm under pressure and comprehends youth in the neighborhood
- 25. How does Mr. Rodriguez deal with Israel’s aggression towards the gang?**
- A. with a lack of concern
 - B. with humor
 - C. with a strong firmness
 - D. with fear
- 26. The action on pages 90 – 91 suggests that –**
- A. Mr. Rodriguez understands youth and how to de-escalate volatile situations.
 - B. The gang will return and harm Clarisa and Maribel.
 - C. Israel has learned a life-changing lesson.
 - D. Clarisa will return to the gang to speak with them at a later date.

27. Which of the following is the best plot summary of this chapter?

- A. A girl understands that she received consequences at her school and makes a decision to avoid those consequences by skipping school. As a result of her choices, she becomes involved in some very dangerous situations that involve the community, police, and gang members. Ultimately, she and her boyfriend are rescued and avoid a life-threatening situation.
- B. A girl decides not to go to school because she does not want to go to detention. After making her decision to skip school, she goes with her boyfriend to the corner store to meet up with his cousin. The cousin gives them some money, and they decide to go to the neighborhood mall and spend the day there.
- C. A boy decides to approach another gang and challenge them to a fight. As a result, his girlfriend is put into a dangerous situation. They run and hide in a garage to avoid the fight. Regrettably, they are found in the garage and are attacked by the rival gang.
- D. A boy and a girl are in love and decide to skip school to spend the day together. They board a city bus and have a nice conversation with an older woman who is riding the bus with them. After exiting the bus and entering the mall, they visit many stores and eat lunch at the food court.

28. Clarisa’s internal conflict stems from her...

- A. perception of unfair consequences and acceptance of gangs
- B. constant tension with Maribel and resulting anger
- C. fear that Mamá will punish her and cancel her quinceñera
- D. envy of Israel and her passion to be a gang member

29. Which of the following would be another good title for this chapter?

- A. Bad Day In School
- B. Sometimes Gangs Are Needed
- C. Fun Skipping
- D. Avoiding Consequences Goes Wrong