

Reading Questions: *Standing Ground*
from Chapter Entitled
“A New Day”

1. In the first paragraph that states, “Loud music blared from Clarisa Sanchez’s clock”, the word blared means...

- A. softly played
- B. noisily played
- C. silently played
- D. rapidly played

2. When we first see Clarisa in this chapter, she is...

- A. getting dressed for school
- B. dreaming
- C. changing the time on her clock
- D. making her bed

3. Clarisa’s dream suggests that...

- A. she is a very selfish person
- B. she should remain in bed today
- C. she is thankful and thoughtful
- D. she does not like going to church

4. Clarisa’s internal dialogue on page 19 indicates that...

- A. she does not like her sister
- B. her fifteenth birthday is not a very important event
- C. her dream was actually a nightmare
- D. a quinceañera is a very important celebration

5. The author uses pages 10 and 11 to...

- A. explain why Clarisa and Maribel do not like each other
- B. introduce characters and the setting of the story
- C. show why Juanito cries so much
- D. explain how difficult it is to live in Clarisa’s house

6. Look at the diagram below.

Clarisa	Clarisa and Maribel	Maribel
Big sister	Sleep in the same room	Younger sister
Will have quinceañera	Wear same size clothes	Has curly hair
Responsible		Gets in trouble at school

Which of the following best belongs under “Clarisa and Maribel”?

- A. Fight and do not like each other
- B. Go to school
- C. Have a boyfriend
- D. Will be fifteen years old this year

7. **Clarisa’s mamá finds out that Israel was suspended from school when...**

- A. Maribel tells her
- B. he confesses to her in the living room
- C. Clarisa lets her know
- D. the school tells her

8. **On page 15, the quote “There was an awkward silence for a few seconds—something that rarely happened between the girls.” indicates that the girls...**

- A. do not like talking to each other in the morning
- B. think it is polite not to talk and eat at the same time
- C. are thinking about Clarisa’s dream
- D. need to eat quickly so that they can quickly go to school

9. **Which of the following is an opinion?**

- A. Although Israel is suspended, he arrived to walk the sisters to school.
- B. Señora Sanchez has a lot of work to do before she leaves each morning.
- C. Señora Sanchez makes breakfast for her daughters.
- D. Israel walks out of the apartment with Juanito’s bag over his shoulder.

10. How is “A New Day” organized?

- A. It moves from a busy afternoon to a quiet evening.
- B. It moves from an outside scene to an exhausting night.
- C. It moves from a list of questions to clear answers.
- D. It moves from a general introduction of characters to the end of a scene.

11. The author uses this chapter mostly to...

- A. identify when the climax of the story will occur
- B. provide definitions of key vocabulary
- C. give his opinion of society
- D. introduce the characters of the story

12. What can the reader conclude about the relationship between Clarisa and Maribel, after reading this chapter?

- A. They are both immature and need to grow up.
- B. Clarisa is the head of the household, and Maribel must always obey her.
- C. They have a close relationship.
- D. They don't know what they are doing.