

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 5th 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 homeboys
 - 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.