

Reading Questions: *Standing Ground*
from the Chapter Entitled
“The Hospital”

1. **What is the importance of paragraph 1 on page 92?**
 - A. It describes how upset Mr. Rodriguez is about the situation.
 - B. It gives a good description of the scene in the hospital.
 - C. It demonstrates the severity of Clarisa’s injuries.
 - D. It shows how difficult it is to pay a doctor.

2. **Which sentence on page 92 best suggests that Israel is planning a retaliation?**
 - A. *“And I promise, the dudes that did this are gonna pay, big time!”*
 - B. *Man, I’m glad they found us. But how ... how did they know where were?*
 - C. *Clarisa grabbed her arm with both hands. “Come on, Maribel. I need to talk to you.”*
 - D. *“Why did you snitch on me and Israel?”*

3. **What is the best description of Clarisa’s conversation with Maribel on pages 93?**
 - A. humorous and informative
 - B. timid and scary
 - C. mean and loud
 - D. verbose and shocking

4. **In the hospital room, Maribel is more than likely upset with Israel because...**
 - A. Clarisa’s injuries are life-threatening
 - B. there was a very long wait to receive a hospital room
 - C. he will not talk to Mr. Rodriguez
 - D. she blames him for getting her sister into a dangerous situation

5. **On pages 96 through 98, Clarisa finally realizes that...**
 - A. she never wants to see Israel again
 - B. Israel was the cause of her being injured
 - C. her choices caused her to be in the situation that they are in
 - D. it is important for Israel to call his homeboys and make a plan

6. **Which of the following is one similarity between Mr. Rodriguez and Israel?**
 - A. They both want to retaliate against the other gang.
 - B. They both are from the neighborhood and understand gangs.
 - C. They each have a sister.
 - D. Both feel that Clarisa should receive a punishment for her actions.

7. **For Israel, Mr. Rodriguez’s story about his little sisters evokes a feeling of ...**
 - A. rage
 - B. understanding
 - C. fear
 - D. sadness

- 8. By the end of the chapter, how is Israel’s mood?**
- A. somber
 - B. angry
 - C. jovial
 - D. fearful
- 9. After reading the entire chapter, the reader can conclude that...**
- A. Señora Sanchez is going to severely punish Clarisa for putting everyone in so much danger.
 - B. The main characters have undergone a life-changing experience and have a great deal to ponder.
 - C. Israel is not a trustworthy person and will never see the Sanchez family again
 - D. Clarisa does not love Israel anymore and is never going to talk to him again.