

Reading Questions: *Standing Ground*  
from Chapter Entitled  
“Off To School”

- 1. The best description of Clarisa’s morning walk is...**
  - A. a somewhat dangerous walk through a gang-infested area
  - B. a leisure stroll through a beautiful neighborhood
  - C. a quick run through traffic
  - D. a happy hike in a natural setting
  
- 2. When Israel asked Clarisa to skip school, her response was...**
  - A. intrigue
  - B. embarrassment
  - C. shock
  - D. thankful
  
- 3. Which quote by Clarisa in this chapter shows that she cares about Israel?**
  - A. “*Israel, I can’t. I have a science project due today...*”
  - B. “*Shut up, Maribel! This is none of our business!*”
  - C. “*I don’t know. You know how she is. She’s got a big fat mouth.*”
  - D. “*Israel, you know that that’s not it.*”

**4. Why does the author include the information in the last paragraph on page 24 and continuing to the end of that paragraph on page 25?**

- A. To indicate that Clarisa would join a gang if offered.
- B. To show that joining a gang would lead to dire consequences.
- C. To state the danger of gangs.
- D. To show the normalcy of the acceptance of gangs in the neighborhood.