

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.