

Cognitive Verb Questions
Standing Ground from the Chapter Entitled
“The Hospital”

KNOWLEDGE LEVEL

- *Who is in the hospital waiting area with Clarisa?
- *Recount the events in the hospital waiting area.
- *What happened in Clarisa’s hospital room?
- *What did Mr. Rodriguez and Israel talk about?
- *Recount Mr. Rodriguez’s story to Israel.
- *Ultimately, was Clarisa in trouble with Señora Sanchez?

COMPREHENSION LEVEL

- *Describe the hospital waiting area.
- *Explain Maribel’s feelings about Clarisa’s ordeal.
- *Can you explain each character’s feelings at the moment?
- *Explain why Clarisa becomes upset with Israel in her hospital room.
- *In your own words, describe Mr. Rodriguez’s story to Israel.
- *How does Clarisa’s mamá feel when she sees Clarisa?

APPLICATION LEVEL

(Pair Share & Wait Time)

Teacher says, “I want you to turn to a neighbor and talk about the significant events of this chapter, from the time the characters enter the hospital waiting area until Clarisa’s mother walks into the hospital room. See if you can come up with 5-7 specific events. I am going to give you three minutes.

(Pair Share & Quick Write)

Teacher says, “With your partner, I want you to list in order the major events that you discussed.”

(Quick “Extended Time” Write)

Teacher says, “Now, using the list that you and your partner came up with, I want you to write a 3-4 sentence Summary for this chapter. Use correct punctuation and grammar. I will give you fifteen minutes.”

(Students Share)

The teacher states, “Now, we are going to take a gallery walk. I want you and your partners to take a piece of tape and tape your summaries next to each other around the room on the wall. Then, we will take a quick walk around the room to read them. You will not be able to read all of the summaries, as there is not enough time. However, we will all get to most of them.”

ANALYSIS LEVEL

- *Compare and contrast Mr. Rodriguez’s youth to Israel’s current situation using a Venn Diagram.
- *Can you determine when Clarisa becomes upset and disappointed with Israel, and why she gives him an ultimatum?
- *Can you explain the evolution of the characters from your understanding of them at the beginning of the book to how you look at them now?
- *Have any characters grown or changed in their thoughts to this point in the book? Show text evidence.

SYNTHESIS LEVEL

(Quick Write)

- *Teacher states, “Pretend that you are in Clarisa’s or Israel’s situation in this chapter. What are you going to do next? Write down your thoughts.”

(Pair Share)

- *Now turn to a friend and share with them.

(Randomness)

- *Now I am going to choose three students to share what they wrote or what their friend told them.

EVALUATION LEVEL

- *What conclusions can you make about Clarisa’s strengths and weaknesses?
- *What conclusions can you make about Israel’s strengths and weaknesses?

- *What inferences can you make about any character flaws that you perceive from any character?
- *What is your interpretation of how Israel feels towards Mr. Rodriguez?
- *Can you make any decisions about who is right and who is wrong in this chapter?
- *Can you make an argument for Israel’s initial position regarding retaliation towards the rival gang?
- *What overall messages can you infer that the author gives us in this chapter?
- *Judge Mr. Rodriguez’s character as believable or not believable.
- *What judgments can you make regarding Clarisa’s family? Why?