

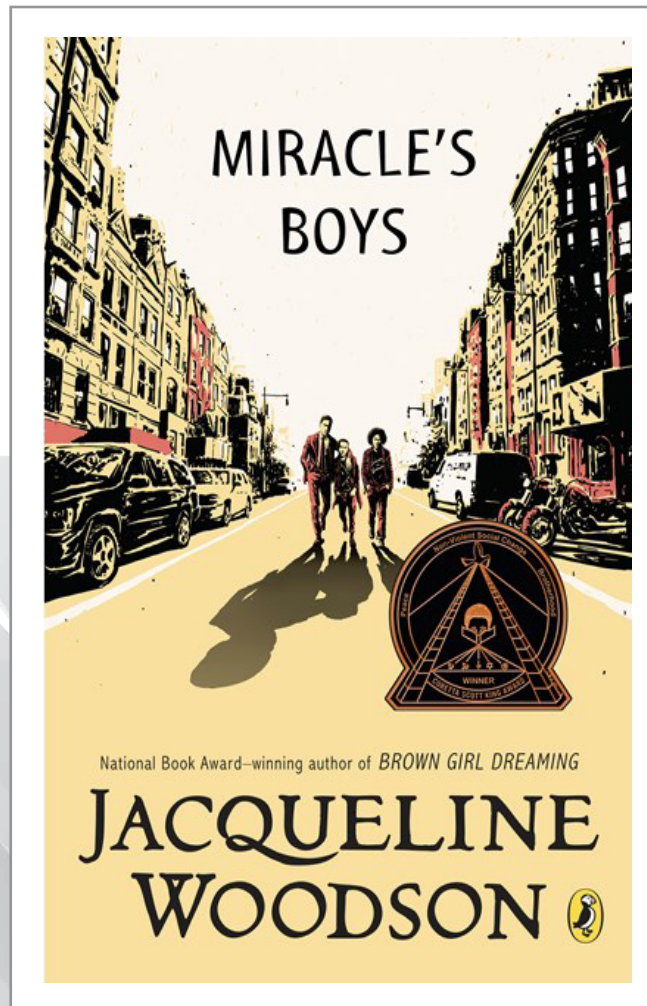


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GRADES 6-8

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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Chapter Seventeen, pp. 114-118

1. What does Smitty look like?
2. Why does Lafayette like PJ better?
3. What bothers Lafayette about Smitty's questions?
4. What are the colors of the gang Aaron is in?
5. Why doesn't Lafayette care about having Aaron like him anymore?
6. Predict: Will Aaron harm Lafayette?

Chapter Eighteen, pp. 119-131

1. What game did Mama and Lafayette play with the leaves?
2. What upset Mama the most?
3. What is Charlie wearing? What does the slogan on his shirt mean?
4. What does Lafayette mean when he says the family is on probation for three years?
5. What does Lafayette share with Charlie about their mother's death?
6. Why does Lafayette's new information make a difference to Charlie and how does he react?
7. What does Lafayette show Charlie?
8. What does Charlie feel most guilty about?
9. Why did Charlie rob the candy store?
10. Who does Ty'ree run into on the way home?
11. What does Ty'ree suggest the brothers do?
12. What does "brother to brother to brother" mean?
13. Why does Lafayette want the moment never to end?
14. Predict: How will the Bailey brothers fare in the next three years?

Name _____

fluorescent (97)
parole (101)
function (109)
probation (123)

jangle (99)
initiation (102)
hang (113)
chiseled (125)

muffled (100)
precinct (102)
third degree (116)
wincing (125)

custody (101)
clenched (102)
one-on-one (118)
lame (129)

Directions: Write the correct word from the list beside each definition.

1. subdivision of a district or city: _____
*

2. to make a harsh, metallic sound: _____
*

3. a trial period: _____
*

4. weak and ineffective: _____
*

5. deadened a sound: _____
*

6. shrunk in pain or distress: _____
*

7. cut deeply: _____
*

8. conditional release: _____
*

9. What is the secret word spelled out by the letters with the asterisks?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Answer the next three questions to determine how the Bailey brothers will obtain the secret word.

10. exhibiting electromagnetic radiation: _____
*

11. brought together tightly: _____
*

12. the right of guarding someone or something: _____
*

13. _____
10 11 12

Name _____

Conflict

The **conflict** of a story is the struggle between two people or two forces. There are three main types of conflict: person against person, person against nature or society, and person against himself/herself.

Directions: The characters in *Miracle's Boys* experience many conflicts in the story. In the chart below, list the names of the three brothers. In the space provided, list the major conflict each brother experienced. Then explain how each conflict is resolved in the story.

Character:

Conflict	Resolution

Character:

Conflict	Resolution

Character:

Conflict	Resolution