



Seventh Grade Summer Reading Homework



Welcome to Your Summer Reading Adventure!

This summer, you'll explore the graphic novel adaptation of *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. This visually compelling story brings Steve Harmon's experiences to life through powerful illustrations and dialogue. As you read, think about how the artwork and text work together to tell the story. Use this packet to reflect on the themes, characters, and visuals that make this book so impactful. Happy reading and exploring! 📖🎨

"Monster" by Walter Dean Myers

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Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. Why is Steve Harmon on trial?**
 - A. For stealing a car
 - B. For being an accomplice in a robbery that led to murder
 - C. For vandalizing property
 - D. For assaulting someone
- 2. What role does James King play in the story?**
 - A. He is Steve's best friend.
 - B. He is a co-defendant accused of planning the robbery.
 - C. He is the store owner who was killed.
 - D. He is a witness for the prosecution.
- 3. What does the term "monster" symbolize in the story?**
 - A. Steve's love for horror movies
 - B. The way society views Steve
 - C. The nickname given to Steve by his friends
 - D. The prosecutor's description of the victim
- 4. How does Steve's lawyer, Kathy O'Brien, approach his defense?**
 - A. She tries to prove Steve's innocence by discrediting the witnesses.
 - B. She argues that Steve was forced to participate in the robbery.
 - C. She claims that Steve was not present at the scene of the crime.
 - D. She focuses on Steve's character and future potential.
- 5. What is the significance of Steve's decision to write his story as a screenplay?**
 - A. It shows his love for movies and filmmaking.
 - B. It helps him distance himself from the events of the trial.
 - C. It allows him to control how his story is told.
 - D. All of the above.

Short Response Questions

1. What is Steve’s relationship with his parents like? How do they react to his trial?

2. How does the testimony of witnesses like Osvaldo Cruz and Lorelle Henry affect the jury’s perception of Steve?.

3. What does Steve’s journal reveal about his thoughts and feelings during the trial? Provide an example from the text.

Extended Response Question

Do you think Steve Harmon is guilty or innocent? Use evidence from the book to support your argument. *Hint: Consider the events of the robbery, the testimonies, and Steve's own reflections.*

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