

Monkeyman
by Walter Dean Myers

Name:

Narrator Analysis

1. How would the narrator approach a conflict?
2. Does the narrator's view of conflict resolution change over the course of the story? Was it a sudden change or did it occur over time? Why do you suppose it took the narrator some time to appreciate and respect Monkeyman's resolution to the conflict?
3. Why do you think Walter Dean Myers tell the story through the eyes of the narrator instead of Monkeyman?

Character Map

4. How would you describe Clean mentally and physically?
5. Do you think Walter Dean Myers purposely chose to portray Clean as dense and uneducated? Why would he do this? What might he be implying about people who choose violence as the answer?
6. What adjectives best describe Monkeyman?
7. Have you ever heard of the saying "Stand tall"? What does it mean and how could it connect to Monkeyman?

Connect 4

8. Monkeyman solved his conflict with nonviolence. Do you think any conflict can be solved with nonviolence?
9. Could we fight terrorism nonviolently?
10. How do you think Monkeyman came to believe does about resolving conflicts with others? Why is so different from the other young people in his neighborhood?

Conflict Map

11. Would the story have been as powerful with a different resolution?
12. Why do you suppose Myers chose to have Monkeyman stabbed after the showdown in the park?
13. Does this plot twist add to Monkeyman's strength as a nonviolent role model?