

Workshop 9: The Streets of Harlem**Reading 2 Project: from *Bad Boy*****Getting to Know Walter Dean Myers**

Walter Dean Myers is known as one of America's favorite authors for young adults. What do you know about him?

Project: Write a short biography about Walter Dean Myers.

Procedure

1. Conduct research about the author. How well do you know the author of *Bad Boy* and other stories?

- Read the “Meet the Authors” section on Walter Dean Myers on page 230 of your *rBook*.
- Find his book *Somewhere in the Darkness* in your *READ 180* Audiobooks library. Read the last page of the book, which tells about Myers’s life.
- Do an Internet search on Walter Dean Myers.

2. Write a your biography.

Write about Walter Dean Myers. Use these questions to help you.

- What was life like for him growing up?
- When did he begin writing?
- What are some of his books about?
- What is your favorite part of *Bad Boy*? Tell about it. Is there a quotation you would like to share?

3. Present your work.

Write or type a final draft. Don’t forget to title your biography.