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"Writing With Walter" Quiz

Directions: Read the article "Writing With Walter," and answer these questions.

1. How does Walter Dean Myers approach writing each of his books?
 - Ⓐ He gets an idea for a character and starts writing.
 - Ⓑ He writes about real people, so he researches that person and then begins writing.
 - Ⓒ He spends a lot of time planning each book before he starts writing.
 - Ⓓ He writes the last chapter first.

2. What topics interest Walter Dean Myers?
 - Ⓐ slavery
 - Ⓑ the Civil War
 - Ⓒ race relations
 - Ⓓ all of the above

3. When does Walter Dean Myers's book *Riot* take place?
 - Ⓐ during the 1860s
 - Ⓑ during the Civil War
 - Ⓒ during the early 1800s
 - Ⓓ both a and b

4. What kind of relationship does Walter Dean Myers most likely have with his characters?
 - Ⓐ casual
 - Ⓑ close
 - Ⓒ detached
 - Ⓓ formal

5. Where was Walter Dean Myers raised?
 - Ⓐ Martinsburg, West Virginia
 - Ⓑ New York, New York
 - Ⓒ Miami, Florida
 - Ⓓ Columbus, Ohio

6. According to the article, how does Walter Dean Myers decide what his characters will look like?
 - Ⓐ He bases them on people he knows.
 - Ⓑ He imagines them.
 - Ⓒ He cuts out photographs of people in magazines.
 - Ⓓ He takes photographs of strangers he sees in shops, restaurants, parks, etc.

7. Which of the following is a quote from Walter Dean Myers about where he finds inspiration?
 - Ⓐ "If something doesn't make sense, that's the inspiration."
 - Ⓑ "I find inspiration from stories about slavery."
 - Ⓒ "I often find inspiration for a story while watching a movie."
 - Ⓓ "Inspiration often comes to me at restaurants."

8. Which of the following statements is FALSE?
 - Ⓐ Walter Dean Myers had writer's block when he was young.
 - Ⓑ Walter Dean Myers considers himself a genius.
 - Ⓒ Walter Dean Myers's latest novel is called *Riot*.
 - Ⓓ Walter Dean Myers spends a lot of time with his characters before he starts writing about them.

9. Do you think Walter Dean Myers had to do any research to write his book *Riot*? Why or why not?
 - _____
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10. What in your world doesn't make any sense? Explain.
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