

# DR. HOLIDAY

1. Why was "mama key" to Walter's life?

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2. There is an example of personification on page 169. What is being personified?

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3. What line from page 170-171 shows an example of how Walter and his mother's relationship has deteriorated? (Use text evidence)

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4. Why do you think Walter refers to his graduation day as his execution day?

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5. Walter says being part of a gang was "not better than being condemned to the garment center labor force." What do you think he means by this statement?

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6. Why do you think Dr. Holiday asks Walter if he likes being black?

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7. Why does Walter say his mama was trying to find her identity? (use text evidence)

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8. Why do you think Walter tells the story about Billie Holiday at the Apollo Theater?

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