

# BEING BLACK

1. Why does Walter not know what it means to be black?

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2. What question does Walter ask himself about people wondering what he wanted to do when he was older? (Use text evidence)

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3. What was a lot more clear than the idea of race?

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4. What are the two different definitions of career? (Use text evidence)

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5. "Being Afro-American or black was being imposed on me by people who had their own ideas of what those terms meant." Explain what you think Walter means by this statement.

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6. What are the binding forces according to Walter?

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7. What gave the idea of being "Negro" real meaning to Walter? (use text evidence)

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8. What is the symbolism of the debris piled up in the corner of Walter's soul?

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9. Walter could not define himself as a race, what could he define himself as?

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10. Why does he lose this identity? (use text evidence)

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