

LET'S HEAR IT FOR 1ST GRADE

1. Based on the experiment, A Class Divided, and reading about Walter Dean Myer's own school experience, how do you think a person's perception of how other's think of them affect their behavior and success?

2. How do you think prejudice feelings are passed down to different generations? Did Walter understand why he was beating up the Jewish boys?

3. Walter is only in the 1st grade. How do you think his teacher's behavior towards him will affect his future?

4. Provide an example from the text that indicates to the audience Walter is beginning to be labeled as a "bad boy."

5. In the experiment one of the adults references a little boy from Ms. Elliot's class as saying that punching his friend didn't make him feel any better. Do you think Walter would agree with the conclusion the little boy came to?

6. There is a very strong allusion in Let's Hear It for 1st Grade about the Wicked Witch of West Harlem. It's ironic the witch's daughter's name is Dorothy. Can you explain this allusion and why the daughter's name is a good use of irony?
