

from “Brown Girl Dreaming”

Name: _____

COMPREHENSION

1. Where does “Brown Girl Dreaming” take place?
2. In the “another way” poem, what does her mother bring home?
3. What is the **main** thing readers learn about Odella, her older sister?
4. How does Uncle Robert feel about her stories?
5. How is this memoir different from most other memoirs?

VOCABULARY

6. Define *feathery*.
7. Define *humming*.
8. Define *shushes*.

ANALYZE the TEXT

9. In “brooklyn rain” how does she feel about staying inside?
10. What is Woodson always doing in these poems?
11. Describe Woodson based off of her poems.

12. What does her mother seem to believe about Woodson?

CRAFT and STRUCTURE

13. What is the point of view of this memoir? How can you tell?

14. Look it up and define *prose*. Why is this excerpt not considered prose?

15. *But my mother accuses me of lying.*

If you lie, she says, one day you'll steal.

I won't steal.

What is it called when two characters talk to one another like this? Does it show they are agreeing with one another?

WORD STUDY

16. What is an onomatopoeia?

17. Give some examples of onomatopoeias.

LANGUAGE

18. List some common nouns.

19. Use a sentence with and underline the possessive noun.

20. List some proper nouns.