**The Treasure of Lemon Brown- Review Questions**

**Basic Understanding**

1. What is the weather like? How does Greg feel? Why doesn’t he go home?
2. What is the setting of the story?
3. Why is Greg in a bad mood? Why isn't he going home when it starts to rain?
4. Why won't Greg's father let him play basketball?
5. Why does Greg enter the apartment building?
6. How does Lemon Brown threaten Greg? Why?
7. Describe Lemon Brown. Give 3 facts about him.
8. Why was Lemon Brown famous in the past? What is his treasure?
9. Who does Greg remind Lemon Brown of?
10. What are the 3 men looking for? Why?
11. What happened to Lemon Brown's son?
12. How does Lemon Brown know that his treasure was important to his son?
13. Where is Lemon Brown going at the end of the story?

**Analysis and Interpretation**

1. What is Greg's conflict with his father? Explain.
2. What is the climax of the story? How does Lemon Brown help Greg reaching this situation?
3. What is Greg's father's perspective in the story?
4. What is Greg's perspective in the story? How does Greg's perspective change at the end of the story?
5. Why do you think Greg smiles at the end of the story?
6. In what ways do young and older people benefit when they share their experiences?
7. What can you infer from the following information:
8. Lemon Brown is living in an abandoned tenement building.
9. Lemon Brown asks Greg why he isn't at home.
10. Lemon Brown's son kept the treasure with him at all time.
11. What is the lesson that Greg learns from Lemon Brown? How does he apply this lesson to his own life?
12. How does Greg's opinion of Lemon Brown change in the story? How does this affect his behavior at the end?
13. Do you think Lemon Brown's treasure was worth fighting for? Why or why not?
14. Greg decided not to tell his father about Lemon Brown. In your opinion, did he make the right decision?
15. Do you think Greg's behavior will be different after this experience? Why or why not?

**Bridging Text and Context**

Walter Dean Myers says that he's "not interested in building ideal families" in his books. How is this information reflected in the story?

**ANSWERS**

**Basic Understanding**

1. It's raining outside. Greg is angry at his father, and he doesn’t go home because he doesn’t want to listen to his father's lecture about school.
2. It's a cloudy and rainy night. At the beginning Greg is outside, and then the story takes place at an abandoned building.
3. Greg is angry at his father, and he doesn’t go home because he doesn’t want to listen to his father's lecture about school.
4. Because he didn't succeed in math.
5. Because it's raining and he doesn’t want to go home.
6. He threatens Greg with a razor because he thinks that Greg came to take his treasure.
7. He is old. He has black, heavily wrinkled face and crinkly white hair. He wears layers of dirty coats and his pants are bagged to the knee.
8. Lemon Brown was a famous Blues singer, and his treasure was his old harmonica and old clippings from his past.
9. Greg reminds Lemon of his son.
10. They are looking for Lemon Brown's treasure because they think he has money.
11. He was killed in the war.
12. Because his son kept his treasure at all time, even during the war.
13. He's going to St. Louis.

**Analysis and Interpretation**

1. Greg wants to join a basketball team but his father won't let him because he doesn’t succeed in school.
2. The climax is when Lemon Brown shows Greg his treasure and Greg realizes that the relationship with the family is very important and that his father really cares for him.
3. He wants his son to put more efforts in school and have a better job than he has.
4. Greg is angry at his father and he thinks that what's really important is to play basketball. At the end he realizes that his father really cares for him and wants the best for him.
5. He smiles because he knows that his father is going to lecture him, but he's willing to listen to him.
6. Young people can learn from the life experience of the adults. Adults can have someone to listen to them and get their advice.
7. I can infer that:
8. Lemon Brown is very poor and homeless.
9. He assumes that Greg had a fight at home.
10. The treasure was very important to him.
11. Greg realizes that the relationship with the family is very important and that his father really cares for him. He's willing to listen to him.
12. At the beginning Greg doesn’t appreciate Lemon Brown because he thinks he's just a poor man. At the end he realizes that Lemon Brown was very successful in the past and was very caring for his family.

**Bridging Text and Context**

The quote says that the author Walter Dean Myers is not interested in creating perfect families in his stories. Also in the story The Treasure of Lemon Brown we can see that the families are not perfect. For example:

1. Lemon Brown is a poor man. His son was killed in the war and he's lonely and homeless.
2. Greg has a fight with his father and he's running away from home.
3. Greg's father is not educated and he works in a simple job.

From these facts I can see how the families that the author made up in the story are not perfect, but still they learn from each other and they convey an important message.