

Questions for Poem “Portrait of Trinidad”

Class Discussion question:

According to the level of violence you see on the news, do you think this is good reason to leave your country?

Questions to answer:

A. Literal questions: Answer the following questions in full sentences. Write your answer in your notebook.

1. What country does the poet belong to?
2. Name three things the poet mentioned that people should be proud of in Trinidad?
3. What is the “bad” thing people say about Trinidad?

B. Inferential questions: Answer the following questions in full sentences. Write your answer in your notebook.

1. Do you think the last stanza in the poem is a fact or an opinion? Explain your answer.
2. Why does the poet say that people would “paint here black everyday”(lines 8)

C. Research questions:

1. Use the dictionary to find the meaning of the following words:
 - a. Portrait
 - b. Refined
 - c. Delinquent
 - d. Progress
2. Who is King Solomon?