

# QUESTIONING

## Critical Thinking Questions

### Knowledge:

1. Where is the setting of the story, *Blinded by Colors*?
2. When did this story take place?
3. Who were the main characters?
4. How would you describe the friendship between Johnny and Lynn?
5. Why can't Lynn and Johnny be friends?
6. Can you describe the secret hideout created by Johnny and Lynn?

### Comprehension:

1. How would you compare Johnny's father to Lynn's Mama?
2. How would you rephrase the meaning of the statement, "it is better to be loved by family than ran by wealth"?
3. Will you state or interpret in your own words the meaning of friendship?
4. What facts or ideas show that Johnny and Lynn's family do not necessarily dislike each other, rather they are afraid of each other?
5. What is the main idea of the story?

### Application:

1. What would result if Johnny's father could not find his son?
2. What facts would you select to show loyalty?
3. What questions would you ask in an interview with one of the characters?
4. How would you create a secret hideout for your friend and you?
5. If you had to build an ideal friend, describe his or her actions, appearance, and thoughts?

**Analysis:**

1. How is the story, *Blinded by Colors*, related to your own personal life?
2. What is the underlying theme or themes of the story?
3. What motive causes Lynn and Johnny's parents to disapprove of their friendship?
4. What is the function of the hideout in the woods?
5. Why do you think Lynn accepted the battered, worn-out doll?

**Synthesis:**

1. Suppose you could be friends with both Lynn and Johnny, what would you do?
2. Can you think of an original way for Johnny to continue his friendship with Lynn without disobeying his father?
3. What way would you design a schedule for Johnny and Lynn to meet at the hideout?

**Evaluation:**

1. Do you agree with the actions of Johnny's father? With the outcome of the story?
2. How would you defend Johnny's behavior when he disobeyed his father to meet Lynn at the secret hideout?
3. Based on what you know, how would you explain the statement, "Friends are invaluable"?

**Literal Level:**

1. Who is Lynn? Johnny?
2. How does Lynn feel about the writing in her school textbook? How do you know?
3. Why does Mama insist that Lynn stop being friends with Johnny?
4. What happens to Lynn's brother Josh?
5. Where does this story take place?
6. Why does Johnny's father refuse to let his son befriend Lynn?

**Interpretive Level:**

1. Why is Lynn considered to be Johnny's *best friend*?
2. Describe Lynn's personality.
3. What can you conclude about Mama?
4. State in your own words the importance of family values.
5. Why does the setting have significant meaning to the story?
6. Why was Lynn's family afraid for her to continue her friendship with Johnny?

**Applied Level:**

1. Does the image of a person show who the person truly is? Explain your answer.
2. If you were Johnny and Lynn, how would you handle their situation?
3. Imitate what you would say to someone who does not approve of you because of your color.
4. How would the events in our lives determine the path of our future?
5. Do you agree with the statement "It is better to be loved by family than controlled by wealth"? Why or why not.
6. What lesson or lessons are uncovered in this story?
7. Those in positions of power must take responsibility for the actions of those under them.