

A Bronzeville Story

Elementary: Grades 3–4

Reading-Comprehension Questions

1. What were some of the reasons for the Great Migration?

2. How was Penny's home in Mississippi different from her new apartment in Chicago?

3. Why was Penny's new neighborhood called Bronzeville?

4. Why did Penny and Cleet call Lurlene the hornet?

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Critical-Thinking Questions

1. In what ways was life in the North not “free” for all people in 1949?

2. Why do you think the newspaper was named the *Chicago Defender*?

3. Compare the feelings Uncle Obie and Lurlene have about life in Chicago.

4. Why was there tension between Lurlene and Penny? Why is it important to get to know new people and places before making a judgment?
