

## Harlem Summer

By Walter Dean Myers

### Literacy Tip

*Harlem Summer* is a work of historical fiction. It's a made-up story about real events and people. Authors of historical fiction conduct research and then create fictional characters, often based on real people, to tell a story about what it was like to live through an event or at a particular time. For *Harlem Summer*, Walter Dean Myers uses historical details to recreate Harlem in the 1920s for his readers. Your task? Fill out each category in the chart below with details that feel authentic and give you a sense of what Harlem was like in the 1920s.

### 1920s Harlem

#### Real People

#### Real Places

#### Real Events


#### Language/Slang

#### Music

#### Other


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Mark accidentally ends up involved with the mob, and he nearly gets arrested. Then he ends up in an article in the newspaper that is filled with exaggerations and incorrect information about him. Reread the article on page 140. Then fill in the chart with the details that are exaggerated in the left column, and the real information in the right column. Use the truths you've listed to rewrite the article on the lines below, and help Mark reclaim his reputation.

Untrue Details About Mark	The Truth About Mark
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2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
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