

Name: _____

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Bad Boy: Criss Cross

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words from Bad Boy. Look for hints in the Word Bank. Print the puzzle or use on your tablet, phone, or computer.



Across

3. Walter was an active ___ player, which helped him to fit in.

6. When he was young, Walter had a ____ impediment that led to ridicule from other students, and fights.

8. Walter was inspired by a ____, Mrs. Conway, who gave him a book of Norwegian fairy tales.

9. Mrs. Conway recognized Walter's ____ and read his work at school.

10. Mr. Lasher encouraged Walter's love of ____.

Down

- 1. In 1947, Walter was excited that blacks were soon to be awarded _____ status in society.
- **2.** Bad Boy begins with information the author gathered through official documents, family photos, and other ____.
- 4. By the 1950's, Walter became aware that job opportunities and places in higher education were ____ for blacks.
- 5. Walter kept his love of reading to himself, as he also did with his poetry writing and interest in ____.
- 7. Walter's earliest memories are set in ____.

Word Bank

RECORDS	HARLEM	SPEECH	TEACHER
POETRY	BASEBALL	DANCING	READING
EQUAL	LIMITED		

Answer Key

