

from NO MORE STRANGERS NOW: YOUNG VOICES FROM A NEW SOUTH AFRICA

COPY MASTER

## Question Support

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–2, see page 1361 of the Student Edition.

**Directions:** Answer each question.

- 3. Analyze Perspective** Think about how Mhlana feels about being black. Complete this paragraph. Underline a word or phrase to complete each sentence.

When she was a child, Mhlana felt that white people were (superior/inferior) to black people. Growing up under apartheid contributed to Mhlana's (low self-esteem/unawareness of racial differences). She frequently witnessed white people treating black South Africans with (scorn/respect). As a result, she wanted to (become a lawyer/be white). After apartheid ended, Mhlana began to (change her personality/accept herself). Now she is (afraid/proud) of her skin color and her heritage. She is (satisfied/uncomfortable) with herself.
- 4. Compare Perspectives** What do these two teenagers have in common? Write *True* or *False* next to each statement. Then explain your reasoning.

  - \_\_\_\_\_ **a.** Both Mhlana and Abrahamson were aware of injustice when they were very young.

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  - \_\_\_\_\_ **b.** Both of the teenagers have found something to feel proud of.

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  - \_\_\_\_\_ **c.** Both of these South Africans share an optimistic view of the future of South Africa.

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  - \_\_\_\_\_ **d.** Both Mhlana and Abrahamson believe that the conflicts between whites and black ended when apartheid ended.

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  - \_\_\_\_\_ **e.** Both of these writers believe it is important to speak out against racism in order to eliminate it.

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