**T A G S** by Walter Dean Myers

**PART A:** TRUE or FALSE – be ready to back up your opinion with details from the story

1. TRUE or FALSE: The litter was removed from some streets just for a movie.
2. TRUE or FALSE: J-Boy’s boys killed D’Mario.
3. TRUE or FALSE: D’Mario killed J-Boy by accident.

**PART B:**

1. What is the story's setting? Place? Time?

Present time, dingy urban hallway in some dingy urban city, they’re still on earth, just invisible since they’re dead

1. What are three things the four boys have in common?

Dead, tags, they all got shot

1. How did Big Eddie know D'Mario was dead?

He could see them

1. Who shot J-Boy?

D’Mario

1. Who left when J-Boy and D’Mario started fighting?

Willie and Big Eddie

1. Are the "old dudes" dead or alive?

Alive

**PART C:** Your understanding or opinion

1. Why do the boys tag?

So that people remember them, to not be forgotten

1. Why do they have to keep tagging over and over. Why can't they rest in peace?

Cause people keep cleaning the wall and the tags are the way not to be forgotten, so have to keep tagging

1. Why did J-Boy remove all the tags?

Maybe he thinks they don’t deserve to be remembered for what they’ve done, for the others were bad men, for his own maybe he was just sad

1. Do you think that J-Boy still wants to be remembered? What about the others?

I don’t think he does, for he removes his own tag. They all do, at least based on what they say

1. How has J-Boy changed by the end of the story?

He knows why he died making him sad, he doesn’t want to be remembered, neither does he want the others to be