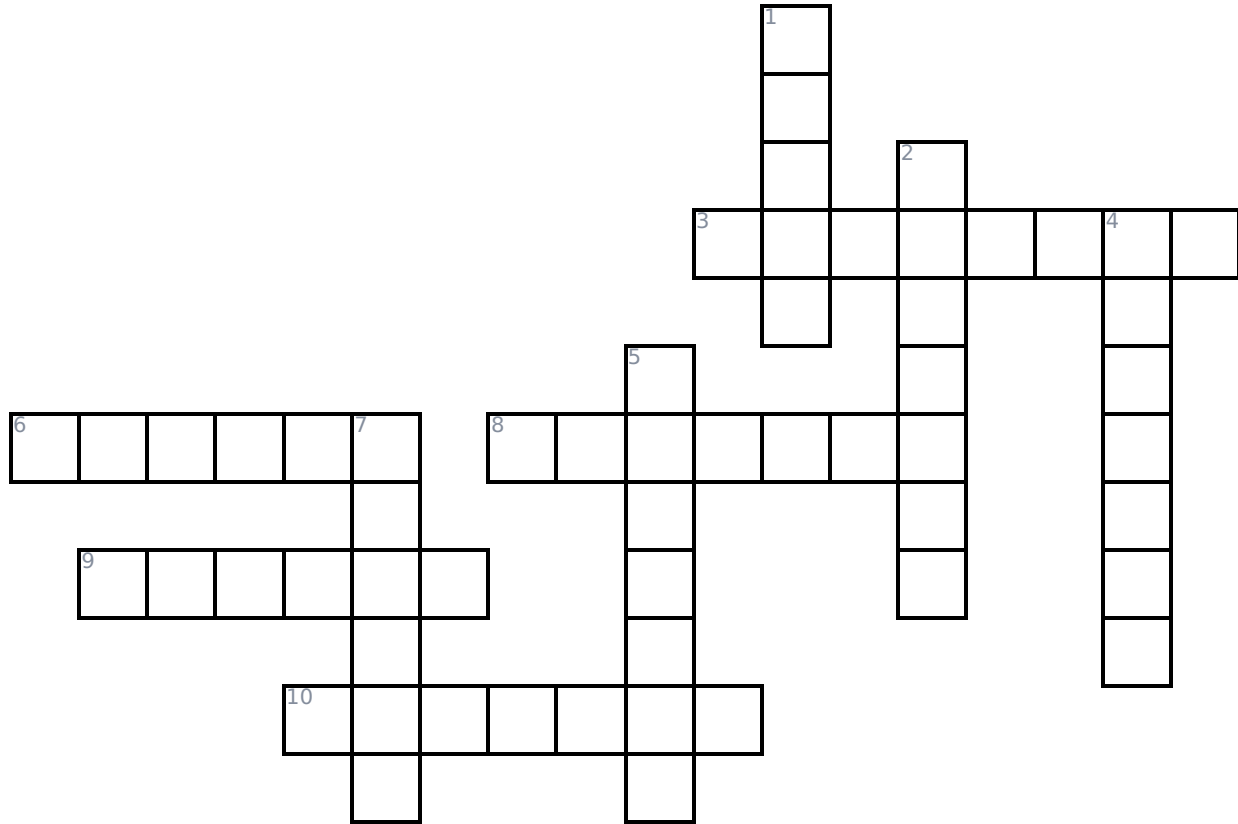


### Bad Boy: Criss Cross

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  
POETRY  
EQUAL

HARLEM  
BASEBALL  
LIMITED

SPEECH  
DANCING

TEACHER  
READING

# Answer Key

A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- 1. e, q, u, a, s, e, b, a, l, l
- 2. r
- 3. b
- 4. l, l
- 5. d, a, c, h, e, r
- 6. s, p, e, e, c, h
- 7. h
- 8. t, e, a, c, h, e, r
- 9. p, o, e, t, r, y
- 10. r, e, a, d, i, n, g

The grid also contains the following letters in empty cells:

- Below 'a' in 1: l, c, o, m, i, t, e, d
- Below 'd' in 5: n, c, i, g
- Below 'h' in 6: a
- Below 'r' in 9: l
- Below 'r' in 10: m