“How to Date...” Discussion Questions

1. What expectations does the title create for you?

2. Describe the social and economic conditions in the Terrance neighborhood.

3. Point to five details about Yunior that characterize him particularly well.

4. Consider whether Yunior is a stock or round character.

5. Describe Yunior’s perspective on females and sexuality. What is your response to these views?

6. To what extent does Yunior’s potential date serve as a foil to him?

7. What do you think of the way in which race, class, and gender are presented in the story?

8. Discuss the narrator’s relationship to authority.