

"True Crime: The Roots of an American Obsession" by Walter Mosley Vocabulary

Paragraphs 1-4

1. truism – an obvious truth
2. original sin – the Christian notion that humans are born sinful and will always struggle with their immoral tendencies
3. discourse – written or spoken communication
4. heresy – an opinion or belief, which seriously disagrees with the principles of a church or religion
5. culpable – deserving blame
6. endangerment – to put someone or something in danger
7. predicament – an unpleasant situation that is hard to get out of
8. innuendo – an indirect reference to something rude or unpleasant

Paragraphs 5-11

1. vulnerability – the state of being susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm
2. vengeance – punishment inflicted or retribution enacted for an injury or wrong
3. urban dweller – someone who lives in a city
4. misinform – to give false or inaccurate information
5. objective – not influenced by feelings or opinions
6. impartial – objective; fair and just

Paragraphs 12-16

1. corroborate – to confirm or give support to
2. dilemmas – problem or difficult situations
3. salvation – the act of saving or being saved