

More on chunking words

<u>Underline</u> the two middle consonants in the words below. Then draw a line between the two middle consonants.

Read the words one chunk at a time.

Woodson	skinny	Brooklyn
website	outline	Lonnie
Rodney	fiction	publish

Now read about the author of *Locomotion*. Check the words above with two middle consonants in the passage as you read them.



Jacqueline Woodson decided she wanted to become a writer when she was just seven years old. As a skinny girl growing up in Brooklyn, she loved making up stories. More than once, she got into trouble for telling lies. As an adult, Woodson has published more than 20 books.

Woodson told the website Reading Rockets that she doesn't outline her books before starting to write. Instead, she focuses on the people. What will Lonnie do next? What about Rodney? Will they become like brothers? Woodson doesn't know the answers to these questions when she starts writing.

While Woodson's books are fiction, she draws on her own life in her writing. Lonnie Motion is a Knicks fan, just like Woodson. When Woodson was little, her uncle was in prison in upstate New York. Woodson remembers her grandmother taking long bus rides to visit her son. Miss Edna in *Locomotion* also visits a son in prison and brings him fried chicken, just the way Woodson's grandmother used to do.

Can you find three facts about Jacqueline Woodson that are also true for Lonnie? Hint: you may need to think about one of the facts.

1.	Jaqueline Woodson and Lonnie Motion both
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3,	Jaqueline Woodson and Lonnie Motion both
	Sources: www.jacquelinewoodson.co

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