

Richard Wright's Black Boy  
**Needs Assessment Inventory**

**Instructions:** Using Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs chart, assess the type of need(s) Richard was trying to fulfill based on his actions in chapter one. Demonstrate your understanding of the theory by using evidence from the text and from the needs chart.

***Playing with fire***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

***Killing the kitten***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

***Writing the curse words on the windows***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

***Running out of the room screaming that the preacher was going to eat everything***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

***Running away from the orphanage***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

***Refusing his father's nickel***

Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_