

FOCUS

Read to find out what Damon thinks about a shooting at his school.

The Plan

A boy got shot
At school last month.
My knees still knock
At the memory.

5 What makes somebody
Want to shoot, to kill?

"It's hate," says Blue.

"And fear. One

Holds the gun

10 While the other

Pulls the trigger.

When you're bigger,
You'll understand."

Well, I don't plan

15 On hating anyone.

But fear's already
Scratching at my door,
Which means

I got one down

20 And one to go.

So, Mister Fear,

If you're listening,

You best be leaving

Now.

REREAD

According to
Blue, what
makes people
want to hurt
each other?

THINK IT THROUGH

How does Damon plan to avoid hurting others? Do you think he will succeed?

FOCUS

Discover what Damon

Like Blue

One day
I'll be like Blue
Not fierce
In black leather
5 Or built like
A heavyweight
Boxing machine
But like that
Other Blue I've s
10 The one who
Says he cares
And shows it.
The one who
Flashes gold
15 Every time he sr

THINK IT THROUGH

1. What does Da
2. What does Bl
3. Is Blue someo
friend? Why o