

**“The Sound of the Hollyhocks”
By Hugh Garner**

Choose one of the following topics and compose a paragraph of 150-200 words. Make direct reference to the story to support your argument.

1. Discuss the theme: loss of identity renders one helpless and takes away control. Consider how character traits reveal theme.
2. Discuss how Rock’s identity is diminished.
3. Discuss the theme that one’s struggles and choices can impact many.
4. Discuss how discrimination, condescension, and power struggles can have devastating effects.