




Your Turn: Theme Essay - Prompt 1

Look back at the collage you created to represent the perspective of a character other than Cassie, the story's narrator. Which of this other character's experiences reveals the most about the kinds of conflicts that were common in the South during the Jim Crow era? What does the character's reaction suggest about the novel's message or theme?

Directions: Use the guidelines below to write your essay, after listing details that you could include in each paragraph.

Paragraph 1: Describe the character that will be the focus of your essay. Use the space below to list details about your character. When you have four or five important details listed, open a new word processing document and write your first paragraph.

Paragraph 2: Focus on the first question in the prompt. Describe two or three events that happened to your character *and* that reveal the kinds of conflicts that were common during the Jim Crow era. Use the space below to list details of the events you will describe. Then, write your essay's second paragraph.





Paragraph 3: Focus on the second question in the prompt. Describe the character's reactions to the events you just described in the second paragraph, and explain what those reactions say about the novel's theme. Use the space below to list details about your character's reactions and what they might mean. Then write the third paragraph in your essay.

Paragraph 4: Summarize the main ideas in your essay in a couple sentences. Include a brief, general description of your character and remind readers what themes the character's perspective suggests.