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Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Symbolism - Symbols are objects, characters, figures, or colors used to represent abstract ideas or concepts. Discuss the symbolism of the battle royal. Use specific examples from the novel to support your answer.

Another symbol in the novel is Tod Clifton's dancing Sambo dolls. What do these dolls represent, and how does this impact the narrator?

Themes are the fundamental and often universal ideas explored in a literary work. There are several themes present in the novel. One major theme is identity. Discuss the significance of identity for the narrator and his journey of self-discovery. Give three specific examples from the novel to support your answer.

Another theme in the novel is blindness. Blindness as a kind of moral and personal failing recurs throughout the novel. Discuss three specific examples of blindness as a theme.

A protagonist is a major character in a literary work and is often an advocate of a particular cause or idea. The narrator is the unnamed protagonist of the novel. Give three specific reasons why he would be the protagonist. Use examples from the novel as support.

Allegory is a technique used in literary works which often has a hidden meaning. The novel focuses on light, light bulbs, and illumination as a process of intellectual enlightenment. Give three examples for this use of allegory and support each with content from the novel.

Fate is the development of events beyond a person's control. There are events in the novel which are beyond the narrator's control. Discuss three examples of fate and how they affect the narrator's self-identity.
