

## Dark They Were and Golden Eyed

### Period 2 Theme List:

- Unity is power
- Worrying about something will put you through it twice
- Change is inevitable
- Anticipate the worst and that is what you will get
- People hold onto the past
- Our environment shapes us
- Humans are corruptible
- Humans are malleable
- Entitlement is the most dangerous trait of human nature
- The urge to conquer is entwined in human nature
- Humans naturally resist adaptation
- Humans adapt to seek comfort
- Humans must adapt in order to survive
- Assimilation gives power to the dominant culture
- Humans want to fit in
- Culture is malleable
- If you lose your culture, you lose your identity
- Our culture builds our identity
- Culture gives us perspective
- Your environment shapes you as a person
- Our environment can harm us \_\_\_\_\_
- No human is perfect
- Trust your instincts
- Human nature isn't wrong or right
- It's hard to change human nature
- No matter how much you resist, your environment will inevitably change you.
- It is human nature to be afraid of change.
- It is human nature to fight back against change when one is in a new environment.

### Period 3 Theme list:

- Change is inevitable
- Our environment impacts who we are
- Never forget your roots

- We naturally adapt to our surroundings
- One shouldn't rely solely on past cultural values
- One shouldn't rely on someone else
- You can adapt to new surroundings without noticing
- You can unconsciously adapt to a new place
- One assimilates whether or not one wants to
- Culture can affect people and the way they live their day to day lives
- It is extremely difficult to let go of your culture
- To assimilate, you have to accept the new culture
- People's culture involves their pasts and present
- Culture is inherited by generation
- Environment is stable, even if you are changing
- It is natural to fear the unknown
- Humans are naturally afraid of what we don't know
- Human nature can be based on stereotypes or lifestyle choices
- Humans destroy things that are good
- Humans naturally resist change
- Humans naturally want to have knowledge and power
- Humans naturally want to find a home
- Accepting things is how change occurs

Period 5 Theme list:

- If you don't know your history, you are doomed to repeat it.
- More advanced culture doesn't make it a better one.
- Over time, societal pressure will make anyone conform.
- Obsession leads to negative outcomes in social settings and lifestyles.
- Large decisions have large/important consequences.
- Without a connection to your culture, your identity is lost.
- Nature (environment) has control over nurture.
- People can adapt to the most foreign places.
- Some things you cannot do alone.
- Change is inevitable.
- Environment influences who you are.
- Values are arbitrary when in a new environment.
- It's better to accept assimilation than have it forced upon you.
- Adapting can result in unrecognizable changes
- To survive in a new environment, one has to adapt
- Adaptation is necessary for survival

- When in a new situation, one must be willing to adapt or be forced to do so
- When you reject change, it makes cultural assimilation the hardest
- It can be easy to forget your old culture when you assimilate into a new one
- Culture is easily destroyed and reborn
- Two different opposing cultures cannot live together in harmony
- One is defined by the environment one lives in
- It is human nature to try to take control of your environment
- Values change depending on environment
- It is human nature to follow the mainstream, rather than to stick out
- It is human nature to fear change

Period 6 Theme list:

- It is not always good to listen/follow others (mob mentality)
- When your life changes, so do you.
- Ambition can lead to madness.
- Trust your instinct \_\_\_\_\_.
- Accepting yourself will liberate you
- Change is constant and inevitable
- Ambition isn't always enough
- Hold out hope as long as you can \_\_\_\_\_
- There are more similarities than differences amongst people
- Not all change is good change.
- Being too cautious can hold you back.
- Not all change is bad
- Environment can change who we are
- It is inevitable to try and fit into your surroundings
- Sometimes altering yourself is the only way of accepting your surroundings
- Nature cannot be stopped
- Community/culture has a heavy influence on who you are
- It is hard to accomplish something without the support of others
- Some people adapt more easily to new environments than others
- In one way or another, you will adapt to your surroundings
- Sometimes people can adapt to things without trying or needing to
- The environment can change you more than you can change the environment
- Assimilation is not always intended
- Assimilation not only alters your personality, but your identity as well
- People will value their own culture over someone else's
- Culture influences what you see as normal

- Culture can be affected by the environment you are in
- To understand culture in a better way, you must see what it is like
- People are frightened by other people's cultures because they are different
- Culture can either set you apart or bring you closer together
- Your environment has a big impact on who you are
- It is human nature to struggle with a new/strange environment
- When environment changes, so do you
- People unwillingly adapt to new environments
- It is human nature to resist change
- You cannot control how others act, only how you react
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### Possible Themes for "Black Men and Public Spaces" and/or "Recitatif"

#### Period 2:

- Change is inevitable
- Even good friends fight
- No child is born with prejudice
- Environment shapes who you are
- Environment and age shape social ideologies
- Being a bystander is equivalent to being a perpetrator
- Being neutral in situations of injustice chooses the side of the oppressor
- History has taught people that it is acceptable to use race as a reason to hate
- Race affects relationships
- Society encourages hate
- Pity vs empathy (needs to be re-worded)
- One's perception of the past changes to better support one's present fears

#### Period 3:

- What one learns as a child sticks with them throughout their life
- It isn't healthy to hold onto resentment
- The truth is often painful
- Race doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things.
- One's age and experiences affect one's ideas
- People unconsciously look for stereotypes
- Everyone has prejudice, and everyone is responsible for becoming aware of that prejudice

- Whether people like it or not, all people are racist
- All people have prejudice, whether subconsciously or otherwise
- Choosing to be a bystander makes injustice acceptable
- Choosing to be a bystander allows injustice to happen

Period 5:

- One's race can impact how one's life is lived and their treatment in society
- As one ages, one becomes more aware of social norms
- Standing out is dangerous
- Society has a negative focus when one is different
- Relationships can change through the pressures of society
- Assumptions based on prejudice are most likely false
- Misconceptions and stereotypes about race can lead to the alienation of an individual
- Fear is a danger to those being feared
- Friendship is a strong bond, despite differences (reword)
- Friendship is reliant on the people involved and society
- Success can get in the way of what matters
- In society, it is always easier for powerful people to grow off of the oppression of the powerless
- Friendship is based on circumstances and can be changed as circumstances change
- Racism makes friendships fall apart
- Time can change a person into someone unrecognizable
- If one puts aside one's differences, anyone can be friends with anyone else

Period 6:

- People unconsciously judge others based on race, whether they want to or not
- Rising above discrimination and prejudice usually comes with age and maturity
- The era and society that one lives in affects their opinions
- The pressure of society can make one change who they are
- Where violence and fear meet, \_\_\_\_\_
- Situations can have different outcomes depending on one's perspective
- Don't make presumptions based on appearances
- Age and experience transform one's perspective
- One's environment affects one's prejudice

- People assume bad things about those who are different than them
- One only sees what one wants to see
- One has to recognize that prejudice is inevitable and that how one acts upon prejudice is what makes a difference
- One's surroundings shape their ideas
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