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American Literature
“City of Refuge” by Rudolph Fisher

Today in class, you and your group will create the sparknotes version of “City of Refuge,” a complex story by Rudolph Fisher that provides a lot of insightful commentary on the dark side of life in Urban America for African-Americans after the Great Migration.

Each group will work on one section of the 6 part text. The groups will present to the class in order.

1. Assign roles:

Role	Responsibility	Group Member:
Organizer	will organize findings into a neat, easy to follow handout	
Art Director	will create a visual interpretation of the section	
Researcher	will be in charge of looking up words, references, and background info on a laptop	
Facilitator (if a group of 4)	will make sure everyone is on task and will be responsible for gathering all materials	

2. Reread your section

3. As a group, create your “Sparknotes” page. To do this, include the following...

What you need it:	Do you have it?
Summary	
Main Characters	
Themes/Central Ideas	
Context (what is happening, when, where, how does it connect to the Great Migration, Harlem Renaissance, etc)	

4. Make a handout for presenting!

5. Present!