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A Lesson Before Dying

DIRECTIONS: Complete each of the following on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure that you answer all parts of the questions.

1. Select and respond to what seems to be **the most important sentence or word** in Chapters 1-3. Give reasons for your choice.
2. Select a passage- minimum 5 sentences. Identify the speaker, chapter, and page #. Comment on the relevance of this passage to the **novel's historical context**.
3. Select a passage from Chapters 1-3 that is at least one paragraph long. Copy it down including the page number, chapter, speaker, and context, then:
 - a. Determine **one theme that is evident in this passage**. State the theme and explain how your passage shows it.
 - b. State and highlight the literary devices that showcase the theme (i.e. characterization, dialogue, dialect, tone, symbol, etc)
 - c. Explain the theme and devices, analyze why there is this focus on this theme at this point in the book. How does it fit here? Use text evidence in support of your ideas- go below the surface.