

Discussion Questions

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1. Titus faces the dilemma of reforming a racially biased justice system while wearing the "mask" of a sheriff. Does working within the system offer a realistic path to change, or does it compromise one's values and impede meaningful reform? Use moments from Titus's journey to justify your stance.
2. The community's failure to properly process its history perpetuates cycles of violence and misunderstanding. In what ways could confronting painful truths and dismantling false narratives about the past foster a more peaceful future? Discuss with reference to the events in Charon County.
3. Albert Crown places great faith in a benevolent of Christianity, while Titus struggles with his own beliefs due to past traumas. How do their differing approaches to faith and religion impact their understanding of justice and morality in the story?
4. Latrell Macdonald is viewed as both a criminal and a victim of systemic racism. Given his actions and the societal pressures he faced, should he be remembered more for his ultimate attempt at justice or the path of violence he took to get there?
5. In *All the Sinners Bleed*, religious iconography is central to Royce Lazare's justification of his crimes. Do you think that society's interpretation of religious symbols can too easily be twisted to serve harmful purposes, or do these misinterpretations reveal deeper human truths that exist regardless of religious influence?
6. The idea of curses in the novel is used as an explanation for the ongoing cycle of violence. Do you believe that attributing real-world issues to supernatural causes, like curses, helps communities find peace, or does it prevent them from addressing underlying human and societal problems?
7. Masks and sunglasses play a significant role in how characters present themselves and perceive reality. Do you think people wear "masks" more to protect themselves or to deceive others, and how does this duality impact their ability to forge genuine connections?
8. Titus struggles with his role as a law enforcer, often feeling it forces him to compromise his morals. Is it ever acceptable for someone to wear a "mask" for the sake of their job, or should personal integrity always take precedence over professional demands?
9. The novel tackles the interconnection between evil actions and historical legacies, especially those tied to racism and colonialism. Do you think acknowledging the past serves to explain current evils effectively, or does it risk excusing individual accountability for contemporary wrongdoing?