

# Home to Harlem

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# Characters

- Jake
- Ray
- Rose
- Madame Laura
- Yaller Prince
- Billy Baisse
- James Grant
- Agatha

# The Story So Far

- Jake's alcoholism
- Ray's uncertainty
- Madame Laura/ Rose  
conflict
- Yaller  
Prince/conversation  
about women
- Misconception  
about *pimps*
- Instability

# Themes

- Traveling/Drifting - Jake drifts from being in the military, from France to America, then from Harlem to Pittsburgh and back to Harlem, ends as a cook in a dining car.
- Alcoholism
- Hopelessness
- Identity

# Open-ended Questions

1. Discuss the use of alcohol by Jake and his friends. Do they drink too much? How does alcohol influence Jake's health?
2. How does Ray's inaccessibility to his education affect his choices?
3. Explain the role reversal between Jake, and Ray. And how can it transform them going forward?

# Close Readings

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# Suggested Readings



