

Group Work – *Song of Solomon* – Chapter 6: The 7 Days

1. **First 12 minutes:** Begin by working by yourself – use the attached sheets and try to find as many connections, contradictions, or interesting ideas concerning the enclosed quotes. Mark up your papers profusely – draw connecting arrows, highlight, make comments on them (your pen should always be writing).



2. **Next 12 minutes:** Get together in a group: select a recorder and time keeper. Write down what your group sees as the most interesting ideas to come out of the sheets that you marked up. You may want to let every member share (to be recorded) what they see as the two best of their observations. Label your observations with letters (A, B, C,...)

3. Only after you complete #2 above try to answer the following questions – using the attached sheet and/or your text – make sure you have at least 1 (but more likely 2) quotes per question. If you have already answered the question (in #2) then just indicate the letter above.. Answer them quickly, in one or two sentences (just refer to the quote #'s on the attached sheet as your citation).

How does what Guitar does in the beginning of the chapter either support or belie his actions with the 7 days (or both)?

What actions that occurred earlier in the book that were unexplained (or that we might have thought had a different “reason”) get explained by the existence of the 7 days – (one of them is about Mr. Smith (still tell me more), the other one is....

What does Guitar say it is about love; however, what do he and Empire State share that may lead to a different reason? How do his words, “maybe she needed beating [referring to Ruth]” affect our interpretation?

Although they (the 7 days) say it is all about the ratio (in addition to love), by exposing the victims they do, what does it do for **their** risk of being hurt in their actions?

What do Guitar’s words to Milkman about betrayal and being worried do to the tension in the story, the tension between them? (be specific)

How does Milkman’s admiration of FDR and what Guitar says effect Milkman’s trust of the 7 days and their motives?

