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Theme Analysis in “Luckiest Time of All”

Directions: After reading and analyzing “The Luckiest Time of All,” go back to the story and find four places that help to show the theme “Appearance vs. Reality.” After you find four good spots that Best exhibit the theme, integrate your own words with quoted and cited information to prove the theme applies. Remember to use author and page number after your quotes.

Example: In the end of the story Elzie decided that she no longer wanted to be in the circus and tells her great-granddaughter Tee that her “Great-granddaddy was walking on behind. Seein us safe. Us walkin kind of slow. Him seein us safe” (Clifton 362). As Elzie describes this scene to Tee, it appears that the point was for Amos to see her home safely, but in reality she was “walking kind of slow” to make sure that Amos was following her because she wanted him too. After all, how else would they have gotten together if there wasn’t mutual attraction because this trip to the circus was their first meeting?

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