Desiree’s Baby

Paragraph discussing a significant quote. 5-7 sentences.

Topic sentence stating author, title, and the central conflict:

Introduce the speaker or the context of the quote and state quote exactly MLA:

The story, “Desiree’s Baby” by Kate Chopin centers around the conflict of differing races and their social order at the time. Desiree’s Baby is set in a parish surrounded by bayou during the time of slavery. Consider the quote, “It means that the child is not white; it means that you are not white” that Armand states to his wife in a cold distant tone (Chopin 84). He clearly shows his aggravation towards this stain on his social status, but also to his believed insult by his wife for concealing this from him. Only when he reads, “…Armand will never know that his mother, who adores him, belongs to the race that is cursed with the brand of slavery” where it is revealed to me that, even with Armand’s banishment of his wife for her purposed infractions, he is coupled with what he despises and cannot rid himself of it so easily, or at all (Chopin 86).

Sweetness

The story, “Sweetness” by Toni Morrison centers around the conflict of segregation, racial tension and the social order at the time of the main character’s child Lula Ann’s birth. Sweetness is set in the American south at the peak of racial tensions and the transition from those times into progressive modernity. When Lula Ann’s mother Lula Mae says, “Then is was called ‘relief. That was much better.” she demonstrates to the reader that her mind is constantly aware of how important appearances is to her (Morrison par. 7). Even in such small things, she is still naturally inclined to focus on what everything she, or her daughter, does or says and how it will look in the eyes of others. Lula Mae states, “I had to be strict, very strict. Lula Ann needed to learn to behave…” confirming that she will need her daughter to act as she presumably did in that past in order to make it in the world that she grew up in (Morrison par. 8).