

# INVISIBLE MAN STUDY GUIDE

## QUESTION AND ANSWERS

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**What are some analytical questions for Invisible Man?**

**What questions are in Invisible Man?**

**How would you summarize The Invisible Man chapter 22?** Summary: Chapter 22 The narrator returns to his office to find Brother Jack and the other committee members waiting for him. They are angry that he has associated the Brotherhood with the protest of Tod Clifton's death without the committee's approval.

**Why does The Invisible Man not have a name?** Denying a name in which the narrators could be seen as being a part of current society, provides the reader a glimpse into the social ramifications of double consciousness; by not having a name, the narrators read as operating outside of the society in each novel, mirroring the author's critique of social invisibility.

**What is the main message of Invisible Man?** The main themes of "Invisible Man" are identity and race. The Narrator, who is a Black man, feels his invisibility as a person is connected to the way society refuses to see him because he is Black.

**What is the irony in Invisible Man?** The ultimate irony is that the Invisible Man, obsessed with the blindness of others, is blinded. He refuses to see the truth even when others point it out to him.

**What does Invisible Man teach us?** Exploring themes of racism, identity, and truth, Ellison brings readers on a journey of invisibility and self-discovery that poses a harsh critique of American society. While reading the novel, students will trace the

narrator's "Hero's Journey" journey from innocence to self-discovery.

**What does invisibility symbolize in Invisible Man?** The protagonist's invisibility symbolizes the broader experience of African Americans who were often rendered invisible by a society that refused to acknowledge their humanity.

**What is the weakness of The Invisible Man?**

**What does brother Jack's glass eye symbolize?** The narrator's discovery that Jack has a glass eye occurs as Jack enters into a fierce tirade on the aims of the Brotherhood. His literal blindness thus symbolizes how his unwavering commitment to the Brotherhood's ideology has blinded him, metaphorically, to the plight of Black people.

**How did brother Jack lose his eye?** The narrative of the Brotherhood is exposed as just another power play. Brother Jack is infuriated. He leaps to his feet and grips the table. Convulsed by his anger, Jack's glass eye falls out of its socket.

**What does the invisible man realize at the end of the book?**

**Why is Invisible Man banned?** The novel was banned last week after parent Kimiyutta Parson complained about the language, rape and incest, and even its depiction of one character's "loss of innocence." Juniors at Randleman High School were allowed to choose Ellison's novel as part of a summer reading assignment, and Parson, the parent of a junior, ...

**What is the symbol of Invisible Man?** Several key symbols enhance Invisible Man's overall themes: The narrator's calfskin briefcase symbolizes his psychological baggage; Mary Rambo's broken, cast-iron bank symbolizes the narrator's shattered image; and Brother Tarp's battered chain links symbolize his freedom from physical as well as mental slavery.

**Is The Invisible Man black or white?** The narrator of Invisible Man is a nameless young Black man who moves in a 20th-century United States where reality is surreal and who can survive only through pretense. Because the people he encounters "see only my surroundings, themselves, or figments of their imagination," he is effectively invisible.

**What does the statue symbolize in Invisible Man?** The Founder's statue at the college has empty eyes, signifying his ideology's stubborn neglect of racist realities. Blindness also afflicts Reverend Homer A. Barbee, who romanticizes the Founder, and Brother Jack, who is revealed to lack an eye—a lack that he has dissimulated by wearing a glass eye.

**What is the central idea of The Invisible Man?** A central theme of Ellison's novel is the idea of blindness and how it affects identity. The protagonist is left confused and misguided as a result of the blindness of those he encounters, trying to fit into the expectations of others, until at last he realizes that he is, and has always been, "invisible" to society.

**What is the last line of The Invisible Man?** Though I could not have articulated it back then, I was overtaken in that moment by an ambivalence akin to that which Ellison's unnamed protagonist expresses in the final line of "Invisible Man" — "And it is this which frightens me: Who knows but that, on the lower frequencies, I speak for you?" I knew intellectually, ...

**What is the metaphor of the Invisible Man?** Alongside the metaphor of invisibility that gives the novel its name, the narrator also uses sleep as a metaphor for describing those individuals, often white, who ignore him, rendering him "invisible." He alternatively describes these people, metaphorically, as being asleep, as dreaming, or as sleepwalking.

**What does the briefcase symbolize in Invisible Man?** The brief case becomes a sign of the changeability of the narrator's identity: he, like the brief case, is simply a vessel for the events that have come to occupy his body and mind. At the novel's end, the narrator is forced to burn most of the brief case's contents in order to create a light to see by.

**Is Invisible Man an allegory?** Invisible Man is an allegory for racism in America on a large scale, told from the perspective of a single character. It is not that the main character is himself invisible; Ellison is arguing that Black people are invisible on a societal level instead.

**What are some discussion questions for Invisible Man?**

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**What is the character analysis of Mr Norton in Invisible Man?** Mr. Norton is a white trustee of the college from Boston. Norton believes that though his donations he understands the black community, but in reality he is clueless, a fact that is exposed by his experience with Trueblood and at the Golden Day.

**What is the character analysis of Dr Bledsoe in Invisible Man?** Dr. Bledsoe is the president of the college that the narrator attends. He is selfish and opportunistic, and he prides himself on gaining power as a black man. He pretends to cooperate with the white community in order to better his situation.

**What is the analysis of the epilogue of Invisible Man?** The narrator's realization of the world's absurdity prepares him to write his memoirs and eventually cast off his invisibility at the end of the Epilogue. This realization may also allow him to see his grandfather's deathbed advice in a new light, noting its aspects of affirmation.

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## **Section Review 12.4 Answers**

### **1. Define the term "response."**

- A response is a behavior (either verbal or physical) that is made in response to a stimulus.

### **2. Describe the difference between an operant response and a classical conditioned response.**

- An operant response is a behavior that is shaped by its consequences, while a classical conditioned response is a behavior that is elicited by a

previously neutral stimulus that has been paired with a meaningful stimulus.

**3. Explain how positive reinforcement and negative reinforcement differ in their effect on behavior.**

- Positive reinforcement increases the likelihood of a behavior by adding something desirable to the situation, while negative reinforcement increases the likelihood of a behavior by taking away something unpleasant.

**4. Describe the four schedules of reinforcement and explain how each one influences behavior.**

- **Continuous reinforcement:** Every response is reinforced.
- **Intermittent reinforcement:** Only some responses are reinforced.
- **Fixed-ratio schedule:** Reinforcement is given after a set number of responses.
- **Variable-ratio schedule:** Reinforcement is given after a varying number of responses.

**5. Explain how punishment can be used to decrease behavior and how it differs from negative reinforcement.**

- Punishment decreases the likelihood of a behavior by adding something unpleasant to the situation or taking away something desirable. Punishment differs from negative reinforcement in that negative reinforcement increases the likelihood of a behavior, while punishment decreases the likelihood of a behavior.

**Spanish Unit 4 Lesson Test Answers**

**Paragraph 1:**

**Question:** Translate the following sentence into Spanish: "I am going to the store to buy some groceries."

**Answer:** Voy a ir a la tienda a comprar comestibles.

**Paragraph 2:**

**Question:** Which of the following is the correct conjugation of "tener" in the present tense for "nosotros"?

**Answer:** Tenemos

**Question:** What is the feminine form of the adjective "grande"?

**Answer:** Grande

**Paragraph 3:**

**Question:** Translate the following sentence into English: "El libro es muy interesante."

**Answer:** The book is very interesting.

**Question:** Which of the following is the correct possessive adjective for "tu" (you - informal)?

**Answer:** Tuyo/Tuya

**Paragraph 4:**

**Question:** Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb "poder": "No \_\_\_\_\_ ir a la fiesta."

**Answer:** Puedo

**Question:** What is the meaning of the phrase "De nada"?

**Answer:** You're welcome

**Paragraph 5:**

**Question:** Translate the following sentence into Spanish: "What time do you have to be at the doctor's office?"

**Answer:** ¿A qué hora tienes que estar en el consultorio del doctor?

**Question:** Which of the following is the correct way to say "thank you" in a formal setting?

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**Answer:** Gracias

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