Below link is chapter 5 from The Java Virtual Machine by Bill Venners. It covers Method Area. We covered pretty much most of the stuff and so you can read it if you are interested. Of course, you can check out other parts of the book. The material is pretty old, but I think lot of the core stuff (which we are covering) is still relevant!!

http://www.artima.com/insidejvm/ed2/jvm5.html