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Digital Yoknapatawpha Worksheet

“Dry September”

Directions:

- Go to the Digital Yoknapatawpha website: <http://faulkner.iath.virginia.edu/>
 - Once on the website scroll down to the bottom and look through the small squared pictures until you find the one labeled “Dry September” and click on it.
 - Explore the map by following the directions below and answers the questions to help aid your understanding if the story.
1. Under “Map Controls: Show Characters” select the box for major characters. Read the biographies of the 3 major characters.
 - Is there a clear character that serves as the narrator in this story? If so who are they?
 - How does the narrative point of view affect your understanding of the story?
 - After reading over the description of Minnie Cooper are you more likely or less likely to believe that her accusations are true?

2. Under “Map Controls: Show Characters” select the box for all characters. Look at the races of the characters in the story.
 - How does the ratio of white to black characters fit with the story’s events?

3. Under “Map Controls” select the event locations box. Then search the map until you find the Movie House and click on it. Read the description of it and the events that occur there.
 - What role do you think the Movie House plays in Minnie Cooper’s behaviors and accusations?

4. At the bottom of the screen, find the “Play” option that activates the timeline. Play the map in page order.
 - How would you describe the narrative of this story? Is it in chronological order or does it go back and forth from the present to the past?

 - What impact does the narrative order of this story have on you as the reader and your understanding of the story?