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EFFECTS OF RACISM CHART

Character	How is this character trapped by racism?	Can this character overcome the situation?		Explain why or why not
		Yes	No	

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The loss of childlike innocence is a prevalent theme in the novel, made especially significant because a child narrates the story. Look through the book for passages that reveal the children's loss of innocence and faith in others. In the Evidence columns of the Loss of Innocence Chart, summarize or quote the passages, noting page numbers. Supply a brief explanation of how the characters' innocence is affected. The first one is done for you as an example.

LOSS OF INNOCENCE CHART

Character	Evidence #1	Evidence #2	Evidence #3	Evidence #4
Little Man	On page thirteen, the bus forces the children off the road. Little Man questions why the bus does that, why the bus does not stop for them. He is shocked by the lack of consideration some people feel for others.	On page thirteen, Little Man questions, "Well, where's our bus?" He learns that there is no bus for his school. Even before his first day of school, he realizes that he will not be treated fairly.	On page twenty-two, Little Man is excited to receive his book, but on the next page, he is devastated that his book is dirty. He then discovers that all of the books are dirty because they are too old and worn for the white school.	On page 213, Little Man is distressed because Papa has been shot. In his mind, that just cannot happen, and he cannot understand who could do such a horrible thing, but he learns that evil exists in the world.
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