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Strands of America

Directions: Read the following passage from Ralph Ellison’s text. Then choose a question to discuss with your group. In time, you will present your information to the class.

America is woven of many strands; I would recognize them and let it so remain. It's "winner take nothing" that is the great truth of our country or of any country. Life is to be lived, not controlled; and humanity is won by continuing to play in face of certain defeat. Our fate is to become one, and yet many—This is not prophecy, but description.

1. Is Invisible Man viewed any differently in light of Americans electing their first African-American president?
2. How does Invisible Man help society to address the ever-changing political climate in a post- 9/11 world?
3. How can one apply the issue of gay rights to this novel?
4. Elaborate on how notions of immigration and immigrant rights can apply to Invisible Man.