

## What's In a Name?

**Directions:** Answer the following questions, and provide textual support.

1. How does Reverend Homer Barbee's character serve as an allusion to Greek mythology, and how is his character ironic?
2. Ras (pronounced Race) the Destroyer is an important character, and more will be said about him later. Predict what type of character he might be. What allows for such a prediction?
3. How is Bledsoe a fitting name for the president of the university that the narrator attends?
4. Who is Trueblood, and what is the significance behind his name?
5. The fact that the narrator remains nameless is important. Why? Do you think Ralph Ellison will ever reveal his narrator's name? Explain.