

**What's important? The first five sections: in the right order**

Throughout the novel a series of events occur to Sephy and Callum and their families – some big, some small; look through the list below:

<b>Prologue</b>		
E	Meggie McGregor is fired by Jasmine Hadley	1
<b>Callum and Sephy</b>		
B	Callum is one of the first Noughts to join Heathcroft School; there are demonstrations outside.	2
H	Sephy sits at the lunch table with the Noughts.	3
L	Sephy is attacked in the school toilets by three Crosses.	4
<b>The Turning</b>		
I	Callum tries to visit Sephy after the attack but her mother will not let him in the house.	5
<b>The Picnic</b>		
D	Callum recalls his interrogation by two police officers on the train to Celebration Park.	6
<b>Breakdown</b>		
A	Callum's dad reveals that Lynette and her boyfriend were beaten up three years before because he was a Cross and she was a Nought.	7
F	Sephy's dad announces he's leaving her mum and in the argument brings up the subject of his son which means Sephy and Minerva have a half brother.	8
K	Callum challenges Mr Jason about his grades and tells him he knows he is half-nought.	9
C	Lynette commits suicide.	10
J	Jasmine Hadley attempts suicide.	11
G	Sephy visits the McGregor house but is told to leave.	12

1. Which do you think is the most important event that happens in these sections of the novel (that is which has the most impact or relevance to the rest of the narrative)? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Which do you think is the least important event (that is which has the least impact or relevance to the rest of the narrative)? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Now rank the rest of the events between the most and least important that you have chosen. You might need to diamond-rank the events if you can not choose some over others.
4. Consider the events that you have chosen as the most important, the least important and one from the middle; why has Blackman included these in her novel? What do they add to the plot or message of her book?