

What's important? The last five sections

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

The Hostage		
B	At Chivers Sephy joins a dissident group.	1
K	Jude appears as the new lieutenant in Callum's Liberation Militia cell.	2
E	Sephy is kidnapped after she is tricked in going to the beach to meet Callum.	3
O	Andrew Dorn appears at the cabin to supervise the handover of money from Kamal Hadley for Sephy's release.	4
J	Sephy and Callum realise that Andrew Dorn wants Sephy killed whether or not her father hands over the ransom money because she recognised him.	5
A	Whilst the other kidnapers are out collecting the ransom money Sephy and Callum make love.	6
G	Jude and Morgan return to tell Callum that the other kidnapers are either dead or captured: they were set up.	7
M	Sephy manages to escape from the cabin. Callum finds her but points her in the right direction to run to safety.	8
The Confession		
F	Sephy discovers she is pregnant.	9
C	Minerva tells their parents about the pregnancy.	10
N	Callum is captured whilst visiting Sephy in the rose garden; it is the only time they meet after the kidnap.	11
Decisions ...		
I	Whilst in prison, Callum is offered a deal by Kamal Hadley: if he persuades Sephy to have an abortion, his death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment but he'll get him out of prison in about 8-10 years' time.	12
L	Sephy is told by her father that if she has an abortion he will commute Callum's death sentence to life imprisonment.	13
Losing My Religion ...		
D	Callum is executed for kidnapping and raping Sephy.	14
Birth Announcements		
H	Sephy has a baby girl and names her Callie Rose McGregor.	15

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) and which the least important event? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Consider the two events that you have chosen; why has Blackman included these in her novel? What do they add to the plot or message of her book?