

Narrative Events (Story) / Discourse noted by Section

Jacob born in England (English mother and Dutch father; orphaned); Rebekka is born in England; Lina born in America; Sorrow born aboard a ship; Willard indentured; Scully raped by a Curate, claimed by another man, and sent into indenture; Florens' mother, born and sold into slavery in Barbados, where she is raped and conceives Florens; taken to Virginia, where she is raped and becomes pregnant with Senhor's son

Lina's village burned after visited by the pox // Jacob emigrates to America (unclear which comes first)

Lina is "adopted" by the Portugese; raped by one of the members; sold to Jacob

Jacob purchases Lina; together they establish his farm in Maryland

Rebekka comes to America as Jacob's bride

Rebekka and Jacob have Patrician

Mysterious death of Sorrow's father aboard ship; she is "castaway"; found by a sawyer and his wife

Jacob takes Sorrow from a sawyer; she is already pregnant; probably sexually abused by the sawyer

Rebekka gives birth to a son (who dies after six months)

Sorrow gives birth to a son, who dies right at birth

1682 Jacob visits D'Ortega's plantation in Virginia; takes Florens from her mother; establishes or invests in a slave-run plantation in Barbados

Jacob's section narrated at this moment [**Section 2**]

Jacob begins building his house; a free-African Blacksmith arrives to assist in the building

Sorrow nearly dies from the pox; saved by the Blacksmith

Patrician killed by a horse

Jacob becomes ill with the pox after the Blacksmith's death

Jacob dies; Willy and Scully dig Jacob's grave

May 1690 (132) Rebekka becomes ill with the pox; sends Florens to bring the Blacksmith to her

Lina's section and Rebekka's section is narrated at this moment; linked by the handling of the mirror [**Section 4 and 6**]

Florens leaves the farm; the indentured servants she begins her journey with escape [**Section 3 and Section 5**]; she runs into a group of Native American men who help her; white Christians who stigmatize her as a "demon"; helped by Jane Ealing, a suspect white girl [**Section 7**]

Florens finds the Blacksmith and send him back to the farm; learns he has a child; he leaves her at his farm [**Section 9**]

The Blacksmith returns to the Vaark farm and may or may not be responsible for saving Rebekka's life; departs

Sorrow gives birth to a baby girl with the help of Will and Scully

Sorrow's section concludes with the naming of the baby; begins when she is pregnant and Florens has left; although memories of early moments already narrated by other characters [**Section 8**]

Florens and Malaik wait for the Blacksmith; desire, jealousy and violence results in the rejection of Florens on the part of the Blacksmith, which triggers more violence

Florens returns to the Vaark farm (2 days after the Blacksmith leaves) but has "turned feral"; Lina stops following Native American practices; Rebekka reads the bible and visits the Anabaptists

May/June 1690 (171) Willy and Scully think that they see Jacob's ghost [**Section 10**]

Willy's section gives an accounting of the changes taking place on the Vaark farm

Rebekka beats Sorrow, takes down Lina's hammock, advertises Florens

Florens inscribes her story on the walls of one room of the empty mansion [**Section 11**]

August/September 1690 (185) Moment of Florens' narration [**Section 1**]