

## Internet Resources for *Olivia's Story: The Conspiracy of Heroes Behind "Shelley v. Kraemer"*

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***The following resources/links have been prepared to supplement the Study Guide for Olivia's Story. Each link provides background information that can help students better understand and interact more fully with the material being presented. The links below are listed, by chapter, in the order in which the topics appear in the book.***

**Note: Teachers should preview each of the following web sites to determine its suitability for their students. Teachers should also be aware of their school's policy regarding the use of the various sites in the classroom.**

**\*Please notify the publisher if any of these sites have become inactive.**

### Chapter 1

**The Ville** <http://stlouis.missouri.org/greaterville/history.htm>

This link from the St. Louis City home page leads to a short history and description of the Ville neighborhood, including Sumner High School, where this story takes place.

**Fairgrounds Park** <http://www.mhmvoices.org/2007SummerFeature1.php>

This link takes you to *Voices*, the online magazine of the Missouri History Museum, and an article on the racially charged history of Fairgrounds Park.

**Emancipation Proclamation**

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured\\_documents/emancipation\\_proclamation/](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/emancipation_proclamation/)

This link to the National Archives takes you to a concise overview of the Emancipation Proclamation and includes additional links for further information.

**Real Estate Covenants** <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Restrictive+Covenant>

This dictionary website gives a clear definition of the kinds of racially restrictive covenants that were enforced during the time covered in this book.

## Chapter 2

Audio of “Stars and Stripes Forever”

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/loc.natlib.ihas.100010504/default.html>

**Cab Calloway** [http://www.metacafe.com/watch/1126133/cab\\_calloway\\_black\\_history\\_documentary/](http://www.metacafe.com/watch/1126133/cab_calloway_black_history_documentary/)

This links to a video of a Cab Calloway performances.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfZxMZGaz9M&feature=related>

This links to a YouTube video of a Cab Calloway performance.

<http://www.npr.org/programs/jazzprofiles/archive/calloway.html>

This National Public Radio site links to a comprehensive overview of Calloway’s musical career.

**Jackie Robinson**

<http://www.biography.com/video.do?name=blackhistory&bcpid=1620670843&bclid=1631259995&bctid=1414327620>

This links to a video of Jackie Robinson.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnDp45PfOCO>

This links to a YouTube video of Jackie Robinson.

<http://www.jackierobinson.com/>

This links to the official Jackie Robinson website.

## Chapter 3

**Mahalia Jackson** [http://www.tangle.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=6cefb5012a19c69cc5e1](http://www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=6cefb5012a19c69cc5e1)

This links to Mahalia Jackson singing a gospel tune, “Precious Lord.”

<http://www.rockhall.com/inductee/mahalia-jackson>

In 1997 Mahalia Jackson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. This is a link to a biography of her on that site.

## Chapter 4

**The Jewel Box** <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/jewelbox/>

This site includes pictures of the Jewel Box and a little of its history.

**Forest Park** <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/>

This site provides a concise overview of the park and links to some of its features.

**Civilian Conservation Corps** <http://www.ccclegacy.org/>

This site is maintained by alumni of the Corps.

### **Gone With the Wind**

[http://www.destinationhollywood.com/movies/gonewiththewind/mediagallery\\_content.shtml](http://www.destinationhollywood.com/movies/gonewiththewind/mediagallery_content.shtml)

This site includes a photo gallery, including some pictures of the kinds of dresses Olivia refers to.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIEBYFsz7mc&feature=related>

This YouTube selection gives a video overview of the movie, including some pictures of the kinds of dresses Olivia refers to.

**Dianthus** [http://www.justgardeners.com/hrsc/articles/art\\_dianthus.html](http://www.justgardeners.com/hrsc/articles/art_dianthus.html)

This site shows the wide varieties of this flower.

**Hibiscus** <http://www.trop-hibiscus.com/>

This site shows some lovely pictures of this flower.

**Missouri Botanical Gardens** <http://www.mobot.org/>

This is the official website of the Garden.

## **Chapter 5**

**telephone party lines** [http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20060212/news\\_lz1n12phone.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20060212/news_lz1n12phone.html)

This link to an article in the online *San Diego Union-Tribune* explains what party lines, so students will understand Reverend Danielson's reluctance to talk on the phone.

**Sportman's Park** <http://www.ballparks.com/baseball/american/sports.htm>

This site shows some pictures and gives a little history about this ballpark.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NX3cYftwIcc>

This YouTube video presents a concise history of baseball at Sportsman's Park.

**Brooklyn Dodgers** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1HUImHcdsE>

This YouTube video gives some background about "the Bums."

**Negro Baseball League** [http://www.negroleaguebaseball.com/players/players\\_index.html](http://www.negroleaguebaseball.com/players/players_index.html)

Go to this link to read about the players Jackie Robinson talks about over dinner with Olivia and the Danielsons.

## **Chapter 6**

**Homer G. Phillips Hospital** <http://www.eco-absence.org/stl/hgp/history.htm>

A concise overview of the history of Homer G. Phillips Hospital is found on this website maintained by the Ecology of Absence, a group that explores the building, abandoning and reclaiming of urban structures.

## Chapter 7

### Nettuno, Italy—Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial

<http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/sr.php>

This site gives a beautiful description of the cemetery in Italy where Inman and other American soldiers are buried. It includes a narrated video tour.

## Chapter 8

### Passing for White

[http://www.jimcrowhistory.org/resources/lessonplans/hs\\_es\\_passing\\_for\\_white.htm](http://www.jimcrowhistory.org/resources/lessonplans/hs_es_passing_for_white.htm)

This teacher resource site deals with the history of Jim Crow laws. This link on the site explains why many African Americans took the risk of passing for white.

**Letter from Birmingham Jail** [http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)

This is a link to the complete text of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous essay "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

## Chapter 10

**"Peg O' My Heart"** <http://www.duchessathome.com/music/pegomyheart.html>

This is a link to the lyrics and a recording of the Harmonicats playing "Peg O' My Heart."

**Gasoline Alley** a search of Google images will bring up examples of the comic strip.

**Magic 8-Ball** <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~ssanty/cgi-bin/eightball.cgi>

This link leads to a virtual Magic 8-Ball for students who have never seen one.

## Chapter 13

**Woolworth's** <http://americanhistory.si.edu/Brown/history/6-legacy/freedom-struggle-2.html>

Olivia's unfair treatment at Woolworth's was not an isolated incident as this website will show.

**Clark Gable** <http://www.reelclassics.com/Actors/Gable/gable.htm>

This site gives provides information and pictures about the famous Hollywood actor on the cover of the magazine Olivia purchases.

**Hindenburg** <http://www.nlhs.com/hindenburg.htm>

This site explains the famous aircraft Jimmy alludes to when he says, "I bet you were the one driving the Hindenburg, right?"

**Vern Stephens** <http://www.thebaseballpage.com/players/stephve01.php>

This page contains some information about the Browns baseball players who helped the conspiracy succeed.

**Stan Musial** <http://www.baseballhalloffame.org/hofers/detail.jsp?playerId=119602>

This link to the Baseball Hall of Fame will take students to information about Stan Musial who played for the Cardinals when Vern Stephens was playing for the St. Louis Browns.

## Chapter 14

**Niagara Falls** [http://www.niagarafallslive.com/Facts\\_about\\_Niagara\\_Falls.htm](http://www.niagarafallslive.com/Facts_about_Niagara_Falls.htm)

The nurse tells Olivia that a white police officer stopping to help a Negro is about as believable as Niagara Falls not flowing. Pictures of the falls show just how hard this is to believe.

**General George Patton** <http://www.generalpatton.com/index.php>

As this website shows, Patton was an important General during WWII, and an American hero. This shows how exaggerated Olivia's description of Sergeant McDougald is.

## Chapter 20

**Curly of the Three Stooges** <http://www.hulu.com/watch/23066/the-three-stooges-collection-false-alarms>

This video of the Three Stooges short "False Alarms" shows Curly's driving ability.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDpm8V0i8U0>

This more concise video of the Three Stooges short "False Alarms" shows Curly's driving ability.

**Ink Spots** <http://www.theinkspots.com/history.htm>

This site gives some history of the group.

[http://www.last.fm/music/The+Ink+Spots/\\_/To+Each+His+Own?autostart=1](http://www.last.fm/music/The+Ink+Spots/_/To+Each+His+Own?autostart=1)

This is a link to the song "To Each His Own."

**Count Basie** [http://www.swingmusic.net/Count\\_Basie.html](http://www.swingmusic.net/Count_Basie.html)

This site gives some background on Count Basie.

[http://www.imeem.com/artists/count\\_basie/music/GAz3RPw2/count-basie-open-the-door-richard/](http://www.imeem.com/artists/count_basie/music/GAz3RPw2/count-basie-open-the-door-richard/)

Here is a link to "Open the Door, Richard!"

**Hoagy Carmichael** [http://hoagy.com/bio\\_short.htm](http://hoagy.com/bio_short.htm)

This links to a short biography of Hoagy Carmichael.

[http://www.last.fm/music/Hoagy+Carmichael/\\_/Huggin%27+And+Chalkin%27](http://www.last.fm/music/Hoagy+Carmichael/_/Huggin%27+And+Chalkin%27)

Here is a link to “Huggin’ and Chalkin’.”

**Duke Ellington** <http://www.biography.com/articles/Duke-Ellington-9286338>

This is a link to a biography of Duke Ellington.

[http://www.last.fm/music/Duke+Ellington/\\_/Don%27t+Get+Around+Much+Anymore](http://www.last.fm/music/Duke+Ellington/_/Don%27t+Get+Around+Much+Anymore)

This is a link to “Don’t Get Around Much Any More.”

**Nat King Cole** <http://www.answers.com/topic/nat-king-cole>

This is a link to a biography of Nat King Cole.

[http://www.last.fm/music/Nat+King+Cole/\\_/\(I+Love+You\)+For+Sentimental+Reasons](http://www.last.fm/music/Nat+King+Cole/_/(I+Love+You)+For+Sentimental+Reasons)

Here is a link to “I Love You for Sentimental Reasons.”

## Chapter 21

**Night Riders** <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~UG97/stone/klan.html>

This site gives a short description of the Ku Klux Klan and a picture, so the students understand why a young Olivia described them as angels.

## Epilogue

**J.D. Shelley** <http://law.jrank.org/pages/13348/Shelley-v-Kraemer.html>

This links to an overview of the Shelley vs. Kramer court case.

**George Vaughn** <http://www.blackpast.org/?q=aah/vaughan-george-l-1885-1950>

This link gives some background on the Shelley’s lawyer.