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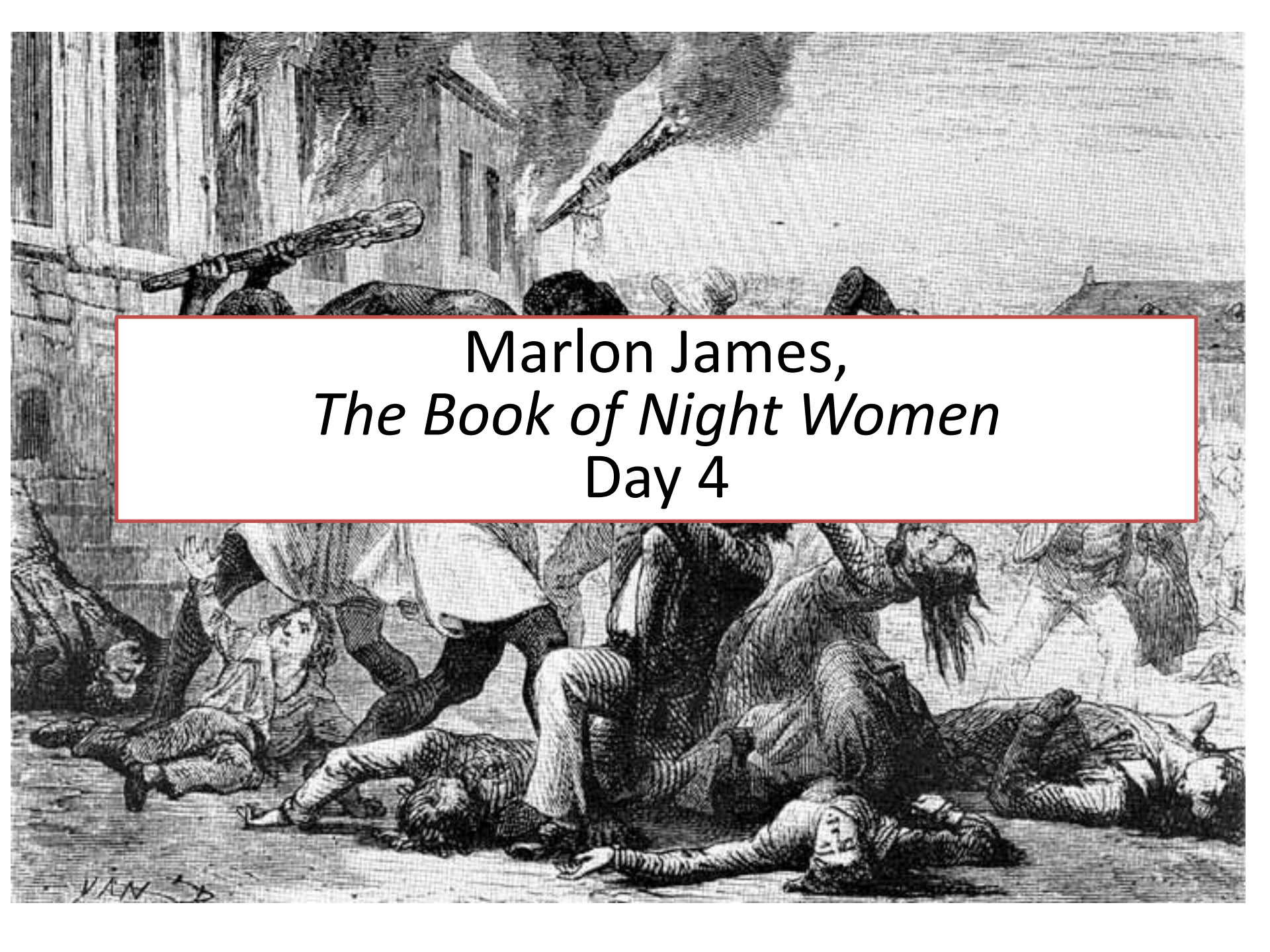
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Day 4

# Today

“Walk in a circle” passage

Details of murders 226-230

Consequences Lilith actions

Francine

# Details of murders 226-230

1. Where do you see the following categories?
  - Lilith's thoughts re woman in the dark
  - Roget's own actions
  - Lilith's actions
  - Lilith's thoughts re: being tortured
  - Lilith's thoughts re: Robert Quinn
2. How does the category connect to other material from the book?

# *Night Women and Joseph Andrews*

- James, then, presents a complicated account of Lilith and Andrews—the novel is simultaneously alienating, inspiring, and comforting.
- What does this suggest about the complications of James's own account of slavery?

# Respond to this passage

- “Every Negro walk in a circle. Take that and make of it what you will. But sometime the circle squeeze in on itself and get smaller and smaller like a mark, or a head. A head so small that the negro have one chance to stomp it with her foot, stomp it good. Lilith know. She learn and she learn it good. Plenty things be a sin, but every sin come with temptation and chance” (223)