

COMMENTS

- #1. Pap didn't have anything to do with Nicodemus' history, however his role in motivating the exodus is good.
- #2. Page #7 - when the people arrived it was too late in the season to plant, that is why they all but starved that first winter. They ran out of supplies and had to solicit assistance from surrounding communities, and the native americans assisted them.
- #3. Page #7 - They didn't come "to get away from working for the white man"- they were not share croppers, they came to get land and to have a place they could call their own. This is too negative and sterotypical. This needs to be consistent with scene #1, page 1 "A man needs his own place, somewhere that's yours....."
- #4. The other point here is that the railroad did not come towards Nicodemus until 1885 years later. People stayed in the area and worked the land, they did not generally seek employment outside the area until later years. They were farmers. This seems out of sequence and logically makes no sense if they have recently arrived in Nicodemus or within the first 2 years.
- #5. Page #9 - "Why would I do that?..." this comment seems inappropriate. It assumes that Hill has assumed himself guilty and Foster really has not accused him. This scene assumes that Hill was the cause of the railroad not coming through - he wasn't the folks voted against it.
- #6. Page 10 - I don't understand the significance of this scene (4) at all.
- #7. Page 12 - this entire scene needs to come somewhere after they have arrived and before the concept of the railroad. I also think that to describe life in the dugout versus the size and building of a soddie is of more significance.
- #8. Page 13 - "Them was out of the garden?" is rhetorical - suggestion - make reference to how the garden is doing.
- #9. Page 14 - There needs to be some reference to them working together to make it in Nicodemus, the hard times, good times, etc. not just 'I been happy with you'. Needs to be in 'we' form rather than I 'you fulfill your dreams' - They came together as a family!
- #10. Page 14 - the reference to the railroad - again, negative and needs to be put in a positive form - example - "we survived inspite of the railroad not coming through". Again, it was the folks who voted against it - no necessary the desire of the white man not wanting a colored man to have anything.
- #11. Page 15 - This scene needs to be replaced with dialogue that deals with the