



George Selkirk, the New York Yankees right-fielder, took over for Babe Ruth in 1935. A 5-time World Series winner and 2-time All Star, Selkirk had a career batting average of .290 with over 100 home runs and 576 RBI.

“Hell, I’m fifty-three years old and can do better than Selkirk’s .269 right now!”  
~ Troy Maxson

**Part 1** - Answer each question with **3-5 sentences**, including **at least one citation**.

After arguing with Cory, Troy and Rose have a conversation that centers on Troy’s decision that Cory “wasn’t getting involved in no sports,” (39). Read through their conversation, then answer the following questions.

1. Why do you believe Troy claims that he could do better than George Selkirk? What does this tell you about him?
2. Rose gently reminds Troy that “everything that boy [Cory] do... he do for you. He wants you to say “Good job, son.” That’s all, (39).” Analyze Troy’s response to this reminder. Do you believe that Troy is actually helping Cory?
3. As Act I ends, Rose accuses Troy of being unable to see the world changing around him. Look again at Troy’s response.
  - a. Does Troy’s response seem to acknowledge Rose’s accusation?
  - b. Troy ends the conversation by saying “I can’t give nothing else,” (40). Do you believe that Troy actually has nothing left to give, or is he simply unwilling to give more? Keep in mind Rose’s accusations that he is not seeing the change happening around him.