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“Satchmo’s Blues” Story Guide

What are the characteristics of informational text?

Where does Louis live?

Is music important to Louis? How do you know?

Why doesn’t Louis have a trumpet?

Where does Louis find the horn that he wants?

What was Louis’ opinion of the horn?

How does Louis feel when he can’t play Santiago’s horn?

Will Louis be able to buy the horn that he wants? Why do you think that?

Why does Louis go back to the shop where the horn is?

When Louis looks into the mirror and pretends he is blowing the horn, what does Mama think?

How would you describe how Louis felt when he saw a parade?

Why does Louis do everything he can to earn five dollars?

What were some of the things Louis did to raise money?

Why did Louis lie about where he got the onions?

What was Mama’s jambalaya made of?

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What does Louis' mother mean when she says she is going to make "a mess of jambalaya"?

How does Louis' mother help him get the horn?

On p. 452, how do you know that Louis is excited about getting the horn?

Why does Louis feel ten feet tall when he leaves the pawn shop?

Why did the author write this selection?

Why is Louis upset when his mother asks him for a quarter to buy food?

Did you enjoy this selection? Why or why not?

Write a story about what you think happened next in Louis' life and later when he became an adult. Later, we will discuss what REALLY happened later.