*The Piano Lesson*: Symbol and Motif Chart Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period:\_\_\_\_

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| **Music** |  |  |  |
| **Railroad** |  |  |  |
| **Ghosts of the Yellow Dog** |  |  |  |
| **Religion** |  |  |  |
| **Suit** |  |  |  |
| **North and South** |  |  |  |

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| Piano (Boy Willie) | “My mama used to polish it every day…You can get a nice price for that piano” (9*). Boy Willie showing family piano to Lymon.* | Mama Ola cherished the piano and polished it every day. Boy Willie sees it as a way to make money. | The piano symbolizes Boy Willie’s connection to his family’s past and as a means to better his future. |
| Piano (Doaker) | “You know she won’t touch that piano…she say it got blood on it” (10). |  |  |
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