**Dignity**

**Dignity Notes Chart**

“In this series the word ‘dignity’ has been used several times. It has been used not as some attitude of self-importance, but simply as a register of a man’s responsibility to the community. A man herded about, surrounded by armed guards, starved and forced to live in filth loses his dignity; that is, he loses his valid position in regard to society, and consequently his whole ethics toward society” (*The Harvest Gypsies*, 39).

Use this chart to record your notes on how characters are treated in chapter 22, how they react to this treatment, and the effects of finding or not finding work.

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| **Passage from the Text** | **What affect does this have on their dignity?** |
| **Example:**  “’You got to work,’ Ma said. ‘Set in the tent an’ you’ll get feelin’ sorry about yaself’” (268). | **Example:**  Ma tells Rosasharn that work will make her feel better, that it will bring up her self esteem. |
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