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Chapter Two Assignment  
Part One:

**A quick summary of story:**

The Oblate Sisters of Providence is the oldest African American Religious Community. The life and history of their founder is a rich one plagued with rejection and lack of support. In spite of everything they had to deal with they persevered and still exist today, continuing to live the dream of their founder, Mary Elizabeth Lange.

**What is your theme?**

The theme of the story is strength. That through faith, reliance and determination, God's Will (providence) will prevail.

**What is the primary conflict?**

Accomplishing religious commitment, religious freedom and education without any support.

**Who/What is the antagonist?**

Religious leaders that would not support a group of women, black women in their cause and desire to commit their lives to God as a religious community.

**What are the key plot points of the story?**

- Receiving the ok to continue their quest to become a religious community
- Persevering in spite of the lack of support from the authority figures in the religious arena
- Perseverance in spite of being black, women, catholic and immigrants