

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Chapter Notes

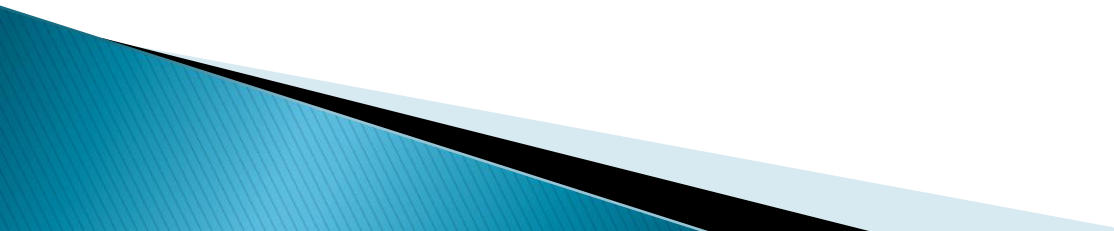
Chapter 1

- ▶ What do you learn in the exposition of the novel?
- ▶ What questions do you have? (If you do not have questions, then record a quote/why or connection (TT, TS, TW))

Chapter 2

- ▶ The author introduces symbolism – a tree to stand for Janie’s life. Identify and explain the use of this symbolism.
- ▶ What questions do you have?

Chapter 3

- ▶ “There are years that ask questions and years that answer.” To what do you think the author is referring?
 - ▶ What is Janie’s question? Nanny’s answer?
 - ▶ Questions/connections/quotes?
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Chapter 4

- ▶ Who is the new character and what does he promise?
- ▶ Questions / connections / quotes?
- ▶ Quiz

Chapter 4: Quiz

Directions: Answer the following two questions in paragraph format. Include at least one direct reference to the novel (include page number) for each answer.

- ▶ Janie seems to be interested in running off with Joe Starks. What is holding her back?
- ▶ What changed her mind?

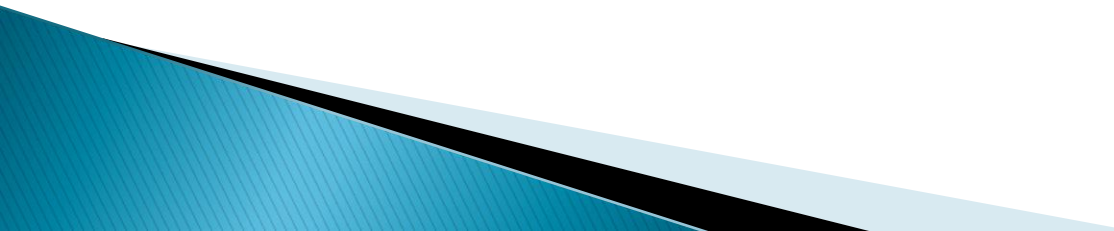
Chapter 5

- ▶ What were Joe Stark's (Jody) plans for his town?
- ▶ What is the conflict that Janie feels?
- ▶ Questions / connections / quotes?
- ▶ Handouts: History of Eatonville & Zora Neale Hurston

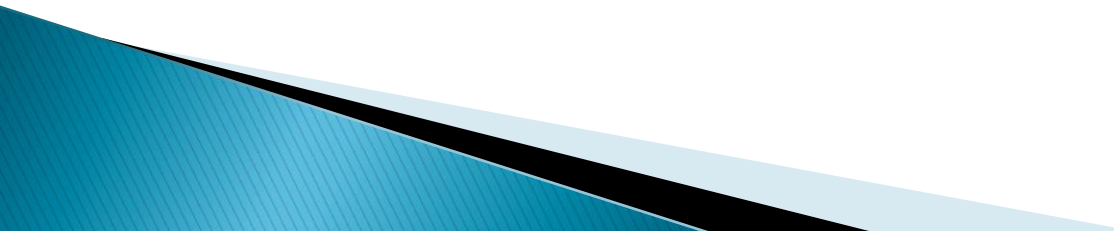
After reading the handouts...

- ▶ Quick Write
- ▶ What is the relationship among the history of Eatonville, Zora Neale Hurston's life, and *Their Eyes were Watching God*?

Chapter 6

- ▶ What is the significance of the story about the mule?
 - ▶ Describe the change in Janie's attitude toward Jody.
 - ▶ Questions / connections / quotes?
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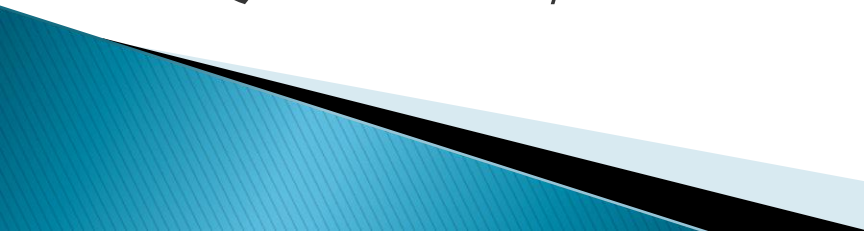
Chapter 6 connection –

- ▶ Remember the article we read titled *You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader?*
 - ▶ Is Joe a good leader? Does he “...solve problems, contribute to the betterment of others, make the world a better place...?”
 - ▶ Does Janie exhibit traits of a leader?
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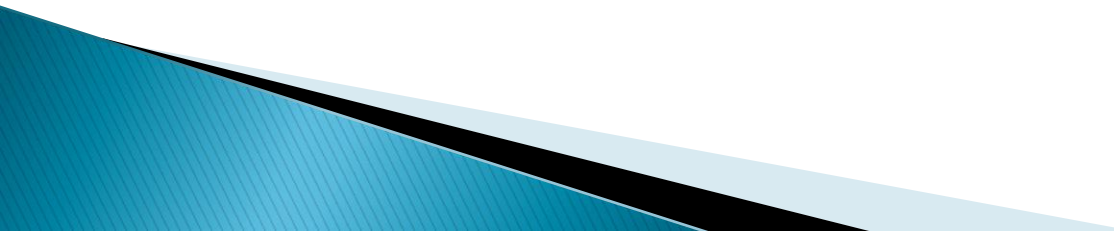
Janie is rewriting her script...

- ▶ Example of this on p.32 (last line)
- ▶ Where is another example of Janie rewriting her script in chapter 6?


Chapters 7,8, and 9

- ▶ Janie's public accusation that Jody is getting old drives the final wedge between them; Jody wants nothing more to do with Janie. Do you think this is the cause for his death?
 - ▶ After Janie goes through a period of mourning, Janie declares to Phoebe that she loves her freedom. What does she mean?
 - ▶ Questions / connections / quotes?
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Figurative language

- ▶ Review of figurative language – handout
 - ▶ Look at the beginning of chapter 7 with the metaphoric language in the first paragraph. (Examples: personification, metaphor, simile)
 - ▶ What kind of a picture has the author painted? What insights has she given us into Janie's feelings and actions?
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- ▶ Small group activity:
 - ▶ Continue to look for examples of figurative language. Write down the example, type of figurative language, and page #.
 - ▶ Example: "...his vanity bled like a flood."
(simile) p.79
 - ▶ Share out/ add to new data wall poster!
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Quiz

- ▶ (after reading chapter 9)
- ▶ What does Janie mean when she tells Phoeby, “To my thinkin’ mourning oughtn’t to last no longer’n grief.”

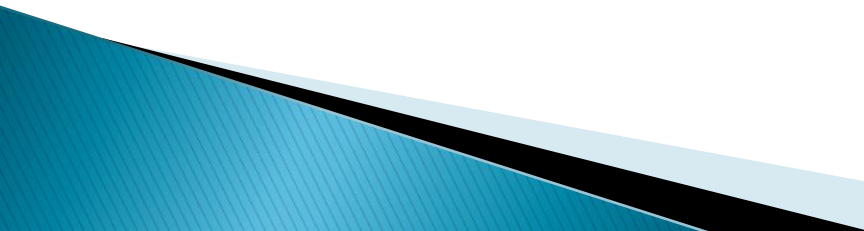
Chapters 10, 11, and 12

- ▶ What is Janie's attitude toward Tea Cake?
 - ✓ Have 3 references with p. #'s in your notes
- ▶ Questions/connections/quotes?
 - ✓ 1 of each! (3 total for this section)
- ▶ Quiz

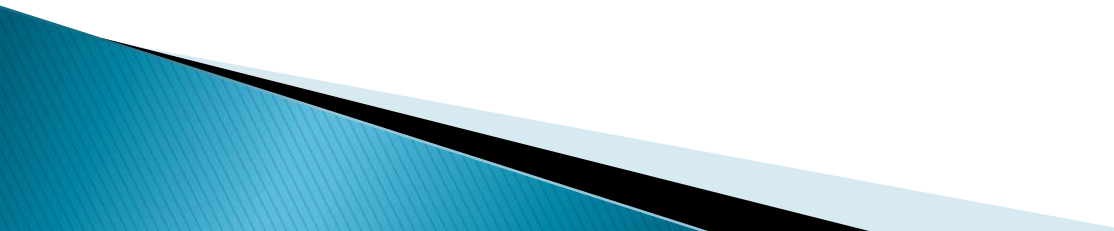
Quiz (after chapter 12)

- ▶ What does Janie mean by the following dialogue from the end of chapter 12, “Ah done lived Grandma’s way, now Ah means tuh live mine”?
- ▶ Directions: In your paragraph response, be sure to include 1.) what is the meaning of the sentence, 2.) a reference with a page number to support your explanation and 3.) a prediction of whether or not you think Janie will be happy with Tea Cake and WHY, using specific examples from the novel.

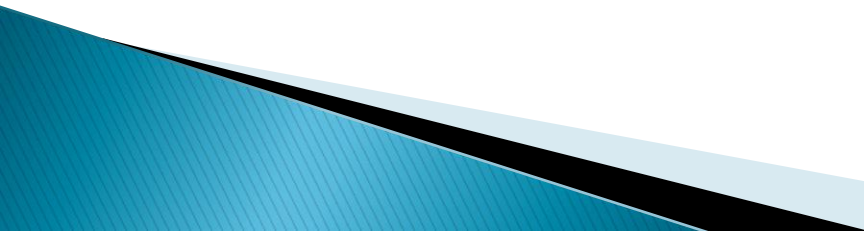
Chapters 13, 14, and 15

- ▶ What does Tea Cake do to worry Janie and then to make her feel wonderful? (pay special attention to the last paragraph in chapter 13.) – include 1 reference w/p.# to support your answer
 - ▶ What is life like for them in the Everglades? – include 2 references w/p.#'s to support your answer
 - ▶ Does Janie have any reason to be jealous? – include 1 reference with p.# to support your answer
 - ▶ Questions/connections/quotes (1 of each)
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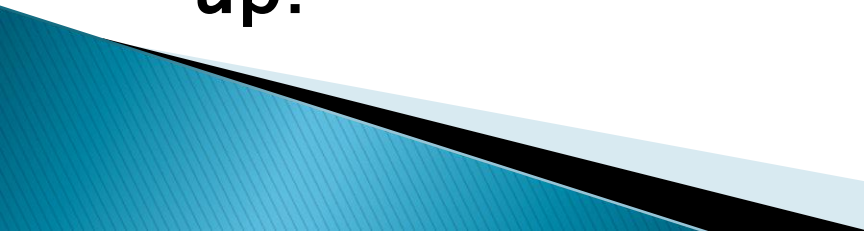
Quiz after Chapter 15

- ▶ **How is Janie's life in the Everglades with Tea Cake different from her life in Eatonville?**
 - ▶ 1. Restate the question to introduce the answer.
 - ▶ 2. Give support from the novel to support your point. Use quotations, and include page #'s.
 - ▶ 3. Predict whether or not Janie will continue to be happy. Explain your prediction.
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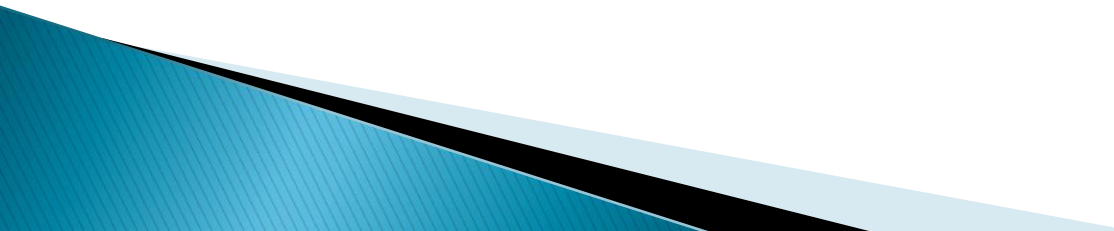
Chapters 16 and 17

- ▶ What kind of person is Mrs. Turner? (2 references w/ p. #'s)
 - ▶ What does she do to cause Tea Cake to slap Janie around? (1 reference w/ p.3)
 - ▶ What does Janie mean when she says “He kin take most any lil thing and make summertime....” (read the whole quote in the book.) (summarize in your own words)
 - ▶ Questions/connections/quotes (2 total)
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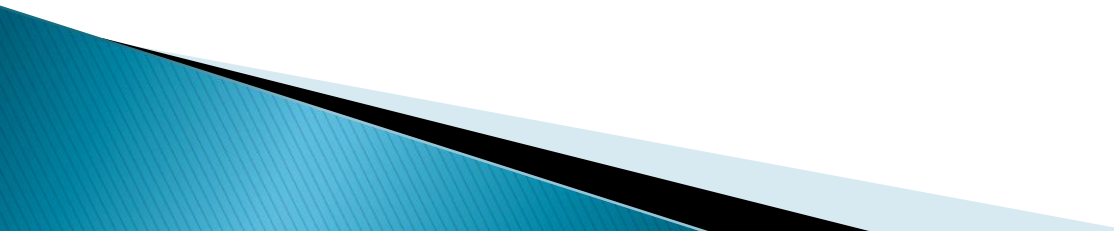
Quiz (after chapter 17)

- ▶ *Address the following 3 questions in paragraph format. You do not need to reference the book, but I am looking for your insight into Mrs. Turner.*
 - ▶ **Why do you think the author include Mrs. Turner in the novel?**
 - ▶ **What role does she play?**
 - ▶ **What issue(s) do her actions/attitudes bring up?**
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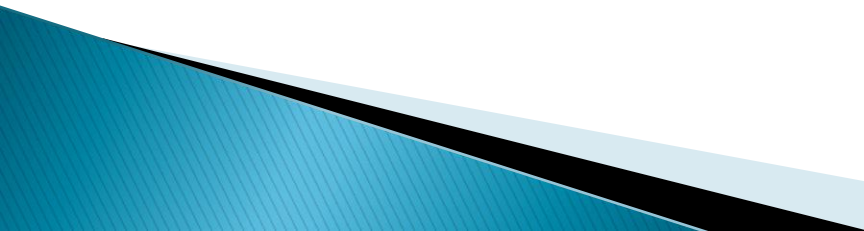
Chapter 18

- ▶ How does the author foreshadow the coming hurricane?
 - ▶ How does the author build suspense?
 - ▶ Questions/connections/quotes (3 total)
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Chapter 19

- ▶ Pay attention to the events leading up to Tea Cake's death and Janie's trial. What do we learn about people in general from these events?
 - ▶ Quotes only (3 total for this chapter) – Please select quotes that reflect racism of the time period or even still today. (page #'s)
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Quiz after Chapter 19

- **How does the author, Zora Neale Hurston, use the story to make comments about prejudice? What points does she make?**
1. To introduce the answer, restate the question.
 2. Detail the author's points about prejudice giving support from the chapter using quotations (include page #'s).
 3. In your opinion, what is the author's point in making these references to prejudice.
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Chapter 20

- ▶ What are your thoughts about Janie as the story/novel ends?
 - ▶ What will you remember 1 year from now about this novel?
 - ▶ END OF NOTES
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