

Activity 9:

In chapters 14 we meet a new “character” in the novel, the Everglades, “ground so rich that everything went wild. People wild too.” Think about the experiences of Janie and Tea Cake in their new life. Do you consider the effects of this life to be largely positive for them – or largely negative? Free write your responses to the following issues:

1. the social mix of people in the Everglades – Bahamans, Seminoles, Blacks, Whites
2. the nature of the work
3. the sexual undercurrents
4. the attitudes of the other workers toward Janie and toward Tea Cake
5. the evenings at the jook
6. the racism of Mrs. Turner
7. Janie and Tea Cake trading actual blows

Then write an essay on one of the following topics using your responses to the above to help you.

Janie’s growth in her new life

The positive and negative of Janie’s Everglades experience

Reasons for and results of the social interaction in the Everglades.

Grading

1. Clear, in-depth response to each prompt
2. Essay addresses issues in depth
3. Writer’s thesis is evident
4. Organization is clear and easily followed
5. Correct use of standard English