

Activity 1:

You are ready to travel deep into the heart of Janie Crawford. Janie Crawford, the main character in *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston, is on the most important journey of her life--the journey of self-discovery.

Although in many ways this journey will be a personal one between you and Janie, some side excursions on the World Wide Web will provide you with valuable information and insights into Janie's world. Each stop along the way is meant to be refreshing and enjoyable, a time of reflection. Have a wonderful trip!

After you have visited the sites listed below and while you are reading the novel, you will create a map of Janie Crawford's journey through Florida.

Step 1. On an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (or larger if you wish), draw a map of Florida. Include all the major cities and the lake in the south central part of the state. Try www.florida.com/pointmap.htm.

Step 2. On the map put the name and the number for each place Janie lived:

1. West Florida
2. Eatonville
3. Jacksonville
4. The Everglades
5. West Palm Beach
6. The Everglades
7. Eatonville

Try www.mapquest.com if you need help.

Step 3. On a separate piece of paper make a chart with the following items as titles of each column on top:

- Place Janie visited
- What Janie did there
- Descriptive words/phrases from the novel used to describe this place any further information you learned from checking out sites on the Internet:
 - Everglades
 - Eatonville
- Your conclusions about what Janie learned in this place

The map will be evaluated on the following:

1. The neatness, accuracy and visual attractiveness of the map
2. The accuracy of the information about what Janie did in each place
3. The inclusion of valid descriptive words/phrases chosen from the novel for each place
4. The inclusion of valid conclusions about what Janie learned based on evidence from the novel