

Activity 7:

In spite of the short duration of many marriages today, the choice of a mate remains extremely important. This activity requires a pair of students work together to deepen their understanding of Janie's choices.

Discuss with your partner the relationship Janie has with her three partners, Logan Killicks, Joseph Starks, and Vergible Woods (Tea Cake). Then choose one of the methods below to present you findings to the class.

Role Play

Portray the couples using dialogue from the text. Act out what you think was the true meaning of each relationship. If possible, videotape your dramatization.

Posters

Prepare three posters illustrating your interpretation of the relationships. Write a descriptive line from the text across the bottom of each and include an in-depth analysis of each relationship on the back.

Reading

Prepare a choral reading or a series of alternating solo readings with musical background. Choose either lines of dialogue from the novel or lines of description explaining Janie's experience with each of her husbands. You may either use taped or live music for accompaniment.

Grading:

1. Presentation reflects an understanding of Janie's motives for each choice of spouse.
2. The character of each man is clearly evident.
3. Creativity and effort apparent
4. Presentation incorporates evidence from the novel.