

Zora Neale Hurston

**Essential Question: How did Janie's journey enable her to become self-fulfilled?**

- What does it mean to be self-fulfilled?
- How and when did she first realize she was discontented with her life?
- What is culture?
- Why is culture significant in a person's development?
- What aspects of your culture affect you and the person you have become? Hint: think about traditions, moral and religious beliefs, family dynamics, customs, entertainment, etc.
- How did the culture that Janie is immersed in at the beginning of the novel affect her?
- What people did she encounter who affected her in significant ways?
- What symbols in the novel represented her submission and the oppression of women as well as her eventual assertion of herself.
- How did Janie's life parallel Hurston's personal and professional life?
- Read one of the folktales in the book *Mules and Men*. Analyze the connections between the content of the folktale and the characters in the novel.
- How did each location on Janie's journey influence her growth?
- What was the significance of each location?
- Find a specific example(s) that prove that Hurston thoroughly researched her facts about various locations.
- What specific events influenced the major changes in Janie?

Final Product:

Take the information you have learned about the novel and Hurston. Create a map of Janie's journey which provides a visual representation of the answer to the essential question. Use Inspiration software to create your map. You must include at least one graphic at every stop on your journey. Your graphics may be pictures, United Streaming video clips, original artwork, clipart, photographs, original photographs, etc. You must include at least one self-created audio clip on your map, which discusses some aspect of Janie's self-fulfillment.

When you present your findings to the class on June 3, it is imperative that you answer the essential question through your presentation. Your entire presentation should be geared toward answering the essential question: **How did Janie's journey enable her to become self-fulfilled?** In other words, everything in your presentation and chart should show how the experiences along the journey gave Janie the opportunity to become self-fulfilled.

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