

# Their Eyes Were Watching God

## Project Menu

Choose ONE of the options below and create a project that is at least three to four typed pages in length.

### Option #1 - Your Own Personal Story

In the novel, Janie tells her life story to her friend Pheoby and reflects on the importance of those events in regards to her new perspective on life. Write a personal essay in which you explain some experience from your own life (not your whole life, but just one single experience) that has shaped your philosophy or outlook on life itself. Mirror the structure of the novel in your essay. Start at the end, flashback to the experience itself, and finish by explaining what lessons that experience taught you.

### Option #2 - Soundtrack of the Novel

Like the Soundtrack of Your Life assignment from earlier in the year, create an imaginary soundtrack for this novel and explain why you chose each song on the soundtrack. You might choose a song for each chapter or a song for each major character, but each song should be explained in a paragraph that outlines the connections between the song and the story itself. Your soundtrack must include at least six songs.

### Option #3 - Pheoby's Story

At the end of the novel, Pheoby says, "Ah done growed ten feet higher from jus' listenin' tuh you, Janie. Ah ain't satisfied wid mahself no mo'" (192). Imagine that Pheoby would answer Janie's story with a story of her own. What story would she tell and what "lesson" might Pheoby try to teach Janie?

### Option #4 - From Another Perspective

Re-write one the novel's scenes from another character's point of view. For example, re-write the "bitches" scene from Joe's point of view, or Janie's marriage to Logan from his point of view. Try to use a similar form for your scene as Hurston does for the original scene from Janie's point of view.

