

Their Eyes Were Watching God

With a partner read chapters 2 and 3 and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Chapter 2

1. Consider the first paragraph of chapter 2. What significance can you make of the line, “Dawn and doom was in the branches”?
2. The fact that Janie doesn’t realize she is black until she is six-years-old suggests what about her character and personality?
3. What did the children at school tease Janie about?
4. Lying beneath the pear tree, Janie associates the bees pollinating the blossoms with what human emotions/events?
5. Nanny catches Janie doing what over the gatepost?
6. Why does Nanny want Janie to marry Logan Killicks?
7. Under what circumstances was Janie’s mother conceived?
8. What became of Janie’s mother?

Chapter 3

1. After Janie’s marriage to Logan, she returns to Nanny to ask her advice about what?
2. What is Nanny’s vision of love?
3. What does Janie think love should be like?
4. Interpret the last three sentences of the chapter. What connection do these lines have with the first two paragraphs of chapter 1?

Freewrite

Explain a time in your life when you wanted something badly or a dream did not come true. How did you respond to this and how did this experience change you as a person?