

# Their Eyes Were Watching God

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Janie's Growth and Poster Project

Zora Neale Hurston's novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, tells how one woman discovers her personal strengths, experiences personal growth, and finds her own "voice."

In the left column I have listed the significant events in Janie's life that cause her to grow or change. In the right column, you are to list what Janie learns, how she grows, or how she changes as a result of those events. Re-reading the passages in the book will help you determine Janie's growth...

CHAPTER #	SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN JANIE'S LIFE	WHAT JANIE LEARNS, HOW SHE GROWS, OR CHANGES
2	1. Janie has her picture taken when she is six years old	1.
2	2. Janie lies under a pear tree and observes the "mating season" of spring.	2.
2	3. Janie has her first kiss; she kisses Johnny Taylor	3.
2	4. Nanny tells Janie about her past.	4.
3	5. Janie is forced to marry Logan Killicks.	5.
4	6. Janie meets Joe Starks, who represents the horizon.	6.

4	7. Logan verbally abuses Janie and threatens to kill her.	7.
5	8. Joe prevents Janie from speaking; he says he did not marry her for her brains.	8.
6	9. Joe prevents Janie from being herself (must hide her hair, not talk on the porch), and he criticizes her (her abilities, age, looks).	9.
6	10. Joe slaps Janie.	10.
6	11. Walter Thomas and Coker have a negative conversation about women in Janie's presence.	11.
7	12. Joe criticizes Janie again about her age.	12.
8	13. Joe gets sick, refuses to be near her, and is close to death.	13.
9	14. Joe dies and his funeral is held.	14.

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10	15. Janie meets Tea Cake	15.
11	16. Janie spends time with Tea Cake	16.
12	17. Janie decides to sell the store and marry Tea Cake.	17.
13	18. Tea Cake takes Janie's money.	18.
13	19. Tea Cake tells Janie about his spending spree.	19.
14	20. Tea Cake wants to hunt and buys guns.	20.
14	21. Tea Cake is lonesome for Janie and asks her to work with him.	21.
14	22. People gather at their door on the Muck, and no one hushes her.	22.

15	23. Nunkie flirts with Tea Cake and takes his work tickets.	23.
16	24. Mrs. Turner tries to get Janie to leave Tea Cake.	24.
17	25. Tea Cake slaps Janie to show others he is boss of their relationship.	25.
18	26. The hurricane comes.	26.
19	27. Tea Cake gets rabies.	27.
19	28. Janie kills Tea Cake in self-defense.	28.
19	29. Janie's trial is held.	29.
20	30. Janie returns to Eatonville and tells her story to Phoebe.	30.
20	31. Janie goes to her bedroom to think and remember Tea Cake.	31.

