

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

WARM-UP

1

What was the first passage that made you want to curl up and reread it out loud?

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2

If you could pull up a rocking chair on a porch with one character and just listen, who would it be and why?

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DISCUSSION

3

Janie has a special feeling under the pear tree early in the book. Was there a moment in your own life when the world felt that quietly magical?

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4

The book is full of community gossip and storytelling. What kind of porch-talk or kitchen-table talk did you grow up around, and did this story bring any of it back?

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5

Hurston writes in a rhythm that almost sings. How did reading her language make you feel, and did you find yourself slowing down or reading parts aloud?

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6

Janie is searching for a love that feels like her own. What does a truly comforting kind of love look like to you these days?

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DEEP

7

Without giving anything away, was there a stretch of Janie's life that felt especially tender or hard to sit with, and what made it land that way for you?

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8

By the closing pages, what feeling did the book leave you carrying around the next day, like a warm coat or a small ache?

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