

Dialectical Journal for Their Eyes Were Watching God

Passages from the text	Pg#s	Comments & Questions
"Ships at a distance have every man's wish on board. For some they come in with the tide."	Pg 1	(CL) I think they are meaning to say the ship is a woman and men want to be with them. The tide might mean money or charm, but when ships are at a distance they always seem nice. (P) I think that this will show a woman acting charming to men, but she is going to be really mean to her slaves. (I think the girls in the beginning are slaves (?) Not sure) Are they free from being slaves? It could also mean that women are not easy to control as men think
"Most of dese zigaboos is so het up over yo' buisness..."	Pg 6	Whats a zigaboo?
"...give us all a good lickin'."	Pg 9	What does Janie mean by "lickin' "?
Whole page	Pg 11	What is going on here? Is she meeting up with the Taylor kid? Is it just a dream?
Theres a continuous saying... "Lawd a'mussy"	Pg 22	I can't quite understand the words. I think Lawd means Lord but I cannot get the rest.
"She knew that the world was a stallion rolling in the blue pasture of ether"	Pg 25	I do not get the metaphor...
Chapter 3	Pgs 21-25	I think that Janie is a free sprit , but does not know how to live her life. It seems like she doesn't want to disobey people or have them dislike her. She also seems to be very depressed and ungrateful, considering she has one of the best african american men with a caring Grandma.
The part where Janie is talking to Joe Starks	Pgs 28-29	(P) I can see them falling in love. Or he's just messing with her head. I do not predict them to stay together. (CL) Janie's grandma and mom both got raped. Mom by a teacher and grandma by a slave owner.
"Everybody come right forward and make merry. I god, it's mah treat."	Pg. 41	What does "I god" mean?
Joe Starks says "Tell yo' womenfolks tuh do 'round 'bout some pies and cakes and sweet p'tater pone."	Pg. 44	He seems really prejudiced against women... He treats them like they are slaves and that they should do what men tell them to do. Its kind of ironic because all African Americans were treated like slaves at one point. He treats women the way that should be avoided by African Americans.
Joe is looked up upon because he has a really nice home while the ones around him are old and not so nice. Also he had a gold spitting cup.	Pg 47	(CL) People seem just nervous to talk to him because they feel he comes from a different social class from the rest of them. I think some find him spoiled with good things and that he keeps things from the town,
"It was like seeing your sister turn into a 'gator.	Pg 48	What does this mean? I know its a metaphor... But I do not understand how those two things are related.

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<p>The town is discussing what Joe did to a poor man</p>	<p>Pg 49</p>	<p>(CL) This shows that he bosses others, not just women around while he just relaxes. They do the work and he gets the pay. Some thought it was really unfair. To the town, he is very controlling.</p>
<p>Funeral for Matts Mule</p>	<p>Pg 59</p>	<p>Why did they treat that mule like a human being and gave it a funeral? I don't understand what importance this mule served.</p>
<p>"So he struck Janie with all his might and drove her from the store."</p>	<p>Pg 80</p>	<p>(CL) So, he was picking on her getting old, so she finally speaks back about him and embarrasses him in front of people, he hits her. (R) Hypocrisy is very common. We tend to do things to others, but don't like it when they do it back.</p>
<p>"When God made The Man, he made him out of stuff that sung all the time and glittered all over."</p>	<p>Pg 90</p>	<p>(Q) Who is he talking about?</p>
<p>"Sh-sh-sh! Don't let nobody hear you say dat, Janie. Folks will say you ain't sorry he's gone,</p>	<p>Pg 93</p>	<p>(CL) Even though Janie sympathizes for Joe, she feels free after he dies.</p>
<p>"It was so crazy digging worms by lamp light and setting out for Lake Sabelia after midnight that she felt like a child breaking rules. That's what made Janie like it."</p>	<p>Pg 102</p>	<p>She likes being with Tea Cake because he makes her feel young, rebellious, free, and childish.</p>