*Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Chapters 1 - 6

1. What does the metaphor in the first paragraph reveal about men’s dreams?
2. What is the relationship between Janie and Pheoby?
3. Who is Tea Cake?
4. What is the setting of the novel?
5. Explain how “the porch” functions to transform the residents of Eaton.
6. Explain who raised Janie and why.
7. According to Nanny, what is the white man and what are black women?
8. When the narrator explains that “Husbands and wives always loved each other” what is the tone? What is the underlying message?
9. Why does Janie wait by the gate?
10. Describe Logan.
11. Describe Joe Starks.
12. In what way are Janie and Joe well suited for each other?
13. Describe some differences between the Joe Starks that Janie ran off with and the Joe Starks she is currently married to.
14. What is the opinion of the townspeople regarding how Joe treats Janie?
15. Why does everyone talk about the mule and what do they say?
16. Who is Mrs. Tony and why are the men disgusted with her?