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AP Language and Composition – Rumfelt | Kent
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Chs. 8-13

Answer the following questions in writing (on your own paper). You should include some textual evidence for each answer.

1. Find at least five examples of Hurston’s use of figurative language in chapters 8-13. How does her use of figurative language contribute to Janie’s journey or Hurston’s message?
2. How does Janie feel about Joe at the end of his life? Why are these feelings important for her development?
3. Analyze Janie’s concept of “freedom” in chapter 9.
4. Find at least three major symbols in the section. How do those symbols contribute to the overall meaning of the text?
5. What is your first impression of Tea Cake? What does the town think about the budding relationship between Janie and Tea Cake? Why is the town’s reaction important?
6. What does Janie mean when she says, “[She] felt a self-crushing love. So her soul crawled out from its hiding place” (122)?

Chapter 8 What would you title this chapter?
Chapter 9 What would you title this chapter?
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