

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neal Hurston

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Vocabulary Worksheets

Chapter 1-4 Vocabulary

Part I: Guessing

- For others they sail forever on the horizon, never out of sight, never landing until the Watcher turns his eyes away in **resignation**, his dreams mocked to death by Time.
A acceptance
B distrust
C protest
D disgust
- She had come back from the **sodden** and the bloated; the sudden dead, their eyes flung wide open in judgment.
A healthy
B irritated
C soaked
D delighted
- An envious heart makes a **treacherous** ear.
A lying
B dangerous
C attentive
D inattentive
- Then Janie felt a pain remorseless sweet that left her limp and **languid**.
A thirsty
B weakened
C confused
D angry
- The vision of Logan Killicks was **desecrating** the pear tree, but Janie didn't know how to tell Nanny that.
A carving
B mocking
C celebrating
D violating
- She bolted upright and peered out of the window and saw Johnny Taylor **lacerating** her Janie with a kiss.
A covering
B ruining
C tricking
D hiding

Name _____ Period _____

- She would **expound** what Ah felt.
A explain
B confuse
C twist
D add
- Finally out of Nanny's talk and her own **conjectures** she made a sort of comfort for herself.
A decisions
B happiness
C assumptions
D friendships
- He says he never mean to lay de weight uh his hand on me in **malice**.
A jealousy
B anger
C love
- Nanny sent Janie along with a stern **mien**, but she dwindled all the rest of the day as she worked.
A lunch
B delight
C temper
D appearance

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- resignation
- sodden
- treacherous
- languid
- desecrating
- lacerating
- expound
- conjectures
- malice
- mien

- Explain; give a detailed account
- Manner or appearance
- Unresisting acceptance
- Not trustworthy; dangerous
- Thoroughly soaked; saturated
- Ideas formed from guessing
- Extreme ill will or spite
- Violating the sacredness of
- Lacking energy or vitality; weak
- Scratching, tearing

Part III. Fill-In

1. The _____ woman lied to her best friend.
2. With _____, the child pulled on the cat's tail until it screamed.
3. Taggers are _____ buildings when they put graffiti on them.
4. The plan became _____ when it was not watered for a month.
5. Joey accepted that his parents were getting divorced with a quiet _____.
6. Police officers have to make _____ all the time about the people they see.
7. A person's _____ is the way they act and look.
8. The flowers were _____ when they were over watered.
9. Could you please _____ the story to me; I did not hear it yet.
10. When she said mean things to him, he was _____ her heart.

Part IV. Your own sentence

1.
resignation _____

2.
sodden _____

3.
treacherous _____

4.
languid _____

5. desecrating _____

6.lacerating

7.

expound

8.conjectures

9.malice

10.mien

Name _____ Period ____

Chapters 5-6 *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Vocabulary

Part I: Guessing

1. Guv'nor Amos Hicks from Buford, South Carolina. Free, single, disengaged.

- A focused
- B uninterested
- C tired
- D bored

2. They got up and sauntered over to where Starks was living for the present.

- A tripped

- B ran
- C walked
- D leapt

3. They tried hard to hold it in, but enough incredulous laughter burst out of their eyes and leaked from the corners of their mouths to inform anyone of their thoughts.

- A unbelieving
- B obnoxious

- C fake
- D scared

4. Youse way outa jurisdiction.

- A line
- B head
- C mind
- D power

5. There was something about Joe Starks that cowed the town.

- A excited
- B scared
- C confused
- D admired

6. He was next to the Mayor in prominence, and made better talking.

- A debating
- B fame
- C phoniness
- D lying

7. They mocked everything human in death. Starks led off with a great eulogy on our departed citizen, our most distinguished citizen and the grief he left behind him. . . .

- A speech
- B compliment
- C thanks
- D silence

8. Joe returned to the store full of pleasure and good humor but he didn't want Janie to notice it because he saw that she was sullen and he resented that.

- A happy
- B gloomy
- C angry
- D oblivious

9. He wanted her submission and he'd keep on fighting until he felt he had it.

- A love
- B fighting
- C affection
- D surrender

10. He was baiting Mrs. Tony Robbins as he always did when she came to the store.

- A tricking
- B complimenting
- C teasing
- D slapping

Part II: Matching

1. disengaged ____
2. sauntered ____
3. incredulous ____
4. jurisdiction ____
5. cowed ____
6. prominence ____
7. eulogy ____
8. sullen ____
9. submission ____
10. baiting ____

- A. Speech or praise about a dead person
- B. Taunting; teasing; luring
- C. Bullied
- D. Released, detached
- E. The act of giving in to another
- F. Strolled
- G. Area of control
- H. Unbelieving, skeptical
- I. Silently upset
- J. Widely known or easily identified

Part III. Fill-in

1. When her father went back on his promise to take her to Disneyland, Laura was _____.
2. Steven was _____ his teacher by constantly clicking his pen.
3. At the dance, Derek _____ over to Natalie and asked her to dance.
4. There was a long _____ given at Kevin's funeral.
5. The police turned around when they reached the city limits because it was out of their _____.
6. The class was _____ when the teacher started talking about history.
7. Sarah was _____ when Jacob told her that he had met the President.
8. The teacher has a _____ equal to that of great leaders in history.
9. The class was knocked into _____ when the principal walked in the door.
10. At lunch, the boy _____ students into giving him their lunches.

Part IV. Your own sentence

1. disengaged _____

2. sauntered _____

3. incredulous _____

4. jurisdiction _____

5. cowed _____

6. prominence _____

7. eulogy _____

8. sullen _____

9. submission _____

10. baiting _____

Vocabulary Chapters 7-10 *Their Eyes Were Watching God***Part I. Guessing**

1. Then one day she sat and watched the shadow of herself going about tending store and prostrating itself before Jody, while all the time she herself sat under a shady tree. . . .
 - A submitting
 - B fighting
 - C hiding
 - D borrowing
2. His prosperous-looking belly that used to thrust out so pugnaciously and intimidate folks, sagged like a load suspended from his loins.
 - A starving
 - B fat
 - C thriving
 - D ugly
3. His prosperous-looking belly that used to thrust out so pugnaciously and intimidate folks, sagged like a load suspended from his loins.
 - A invitingly
 - B friendly
 - C angrily
 - D sorely
4. And the cruel deceit of Janie! Making all that show of humbleness and scorning him all the time!
 - A inferiority
 - B superiority
 - C stupidity
 - D confusion
5. And the cruel deceit of Janie! Making all that show of humbleness and scorning him all the time!
 - A ignoring
 - B hating
 - C loving
 - D pretending
6. They came to the store and ostentatiously looked over whatever she was doing and went back to report to him at the house.
 - A evilly
 - B quietly
 - C secretly
 - D indiscreetly
7. A sound of strife in Jody's throat, but his eyes stared unwillingly into a corner of the room so Janie knew the futile fight was not with her.
 - A difficult
 - B ineffective
 - C finished
 - D angry
8. Then again the gold and red and purple, the gloat and glamour of the secret orders, each with its insinuations of power and glory undreamed of by the uninitiated.
 - A stories
 - B lies
 - C implications
 - D promises
9. Inside the expensive black folds were resurrection and life.
 - A fear
 - B happiness
 - C death
 - D rebirth

Part II. Matching

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. prostrating____ | A a rising again, as from decay, disuse, etc.; revival |
| 2. prosperous____ | B acting in a way to attract a lot of attention |
| 3. pugnaciously____ | C anger felt towards someone |
| 4. humbleness____ | D courteously respectful, having a feeling of insignificance |
| 5. scorning____ | E having no result, useless, not successful |
| 6. ostentatiously____ | F having or characterized by financial success or good fortune; flourishing; successful |
| 7. futile____ | G inclined to fight readily; quarrelsome; belligerent; combative |
| 8. insinuations____ | H to overthrow, overcome, or reduce to helplessness |
| 9. resurrection____ | I to suggest or hint slyly |

Part III. Fill-in

1. When the Terminator had captured the woman, she knew resistance was _____.
2. The banker was so _____ that he donated lots of money to charities.
3. The children showed their _____ when they saved their money instead of spending it.
4. Her parents made several _____ that she had been using drugs.
5. He gave a _____ look at the boy after he punched him in the face.
6. Easter is the celebration of someone's _____.
7. The movie star _____ showed off her 20 karat diamond ring.
8. The angry girl _____ egged on her enemy, hoping she would start a fight.
9. The abused woman was always _____ herself to her husband, rather than start an argument.

Part IV. Write your own sentence

1. prostrating_____
2. prosperous_____
3. pugnaciously_____
4. humbleness_____
5. scorning_____
6. ostentatiously_____
7. futile_____
8. insinuations_____
9. resurrection_____

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Vocabulary Chapters 14-17**Part I. Guessing**

- Permanent transients with no attachments and tired looking men with their families and dogs in flivvers (131).
A hobos
B nomads
C residents
D immigrants
- All night now the jooks clanged and clamored. Pianos living three lifetimes in one (131).
A up roared
B cried
C lied
D quieted
- There was a suppressed murmur when she picked up a basket and went to work. She was already going to be a special case on the muck (133).
A obvious
B loud
C tired
D concealed
- ““She grabbed mah workin’ tickets outa mah shirt pocket and Ah run tuh git ‘em back,’ Tea Cake explained, showing the tickets, considerably mauled about in the struggle” (137).
A eaten
B ripped
C manhandled
D wet
- “For instance during the summer when she heard the subtle but compelling rhythms of the Bahaman drummers, she’d walk over and watch the dances” (139).
A quiet
B dumb
C loud
D annoying
- “For instance during the summer when she heard the subtle but compelling rhythms of the Bahaman drummers, she’d walk over and watch the dances” (139).
A lying
B offbeat
C crazy

D overpowering

- “It was so evident that Mrs. Turner took black folk as a personal affront to herself” (142).
A insult
B compliment
C denial
D scold
- “All gods who receive homage are cruel. All gods dispense suffering without reason” (145).
A disrespect
B respect
C offerings
D sacrifices
- “Though indiscriminate suffering men know fear and fear is the most divine emotion” (145).
A random
B racist
C pointed
D confused

Part II. Matching

- transients
 - clamored
 - suppressed
 - mauled
 - subtle
 - compelling
 - affront
 - homage
 - indiscriminate
- A** any loud or continued noise
B delicate or faint
C handle of use roughly
D personally offensive act or word
E something done of given in acknowledgement or consideration of the worth of another
F staying a short time
G to have a powerful and irresistible effect
H to keep in
I unselective

Part III. Your own sentences

1. transients _____

2. clamored _____

3. suppressed _____

4. mauled _____

5. subtle _____

6. compelling _____

7. affront _____

8. homage _____

9. indiscriminate _____

Dialectical Journals

Name _____ Period _____

Dialectical Journal *Their Eyes Were Watching God, Chapters 1-5*

Directions: Tell what you learned about the character based on the quotation.

Quotation	Page	What I learned...
“You mean, you mad ‘cause she didn’t stop and tell us all her business. Anyhow, what you ever know her to do so bad as y’all make out?” Townspeople	3	
“Janie saw her life like a great tree in leaf with the things suffered, things enjoyed, things done and things undone. Dawn and doom was in the branches.”	8	
“Yes she would love Logan after they were married. She could see no way for it to come about, but Nanny and the old folds had said it, so it must be so.” Janie	21	
“She wasn’t angry. Logan was accusing her of her mamma, her grandmama and her feelings and she couldn’t do a thing about any of it.” Logan	32	
“With him on it, it sat like some high, ruling chair. From now on until death she was going to have flower dust and springtime sprinkled over everything.”	32	
“Most of them went along to show him the way and to be there when his bluff was called.” Townspeople	37	
“That irritated Hicks and he didn’t know why. He was the average mortal. It troubled him to get used to the world one way then suddenly have it turn different.”	39	
“Ah never married her for nothin’ lak dat. She’s uh woman and her place is in de home.” Joe	43	
“Joe spoke without giving her a chance to say anything one way of another that took the bloom off of things. But anyway, she went down the road behind him that night feeling cold.” Janie	43	

Dialectical Journal *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Chapter 6**Directions:** Tell what you learned about the character based on the quotation.

Quotation	Page	What I learned...
“That night he ordered Janie to tie up her hair around the store. She was there in the store for him to look at, not those others.” Joe	55	
“She snatched her head away from the spectacle and began muttering to herself. “They oughta be shamed u thyselves! Teasin’ dat poor brute beast lak they is!” Janie	56	
“She wanted to fight about it. ‘But I hates disagreement and confusion, so Ah better not talk. It makes it hard tuh git along.” Janie	57	
“She wasn’t appreciative of his efforts and she had plenty cause to be. Here he was just pouring honor all over her; building a high chair for her to sit in and overlook the world and she here pouting over it!” Joe	62	
“Ah’ll do anything in the world except work for you and give you mah money.” Charlie	67	
“You sho loves to tell me whut to do, but Ah can’t gell you nothin’ Ah see!” Janie	71	
“Dat’s cause you need telling’ ...It would be pitiful if Ah didn’t. Somebody got to thikn for women and chillun and chickens and cows. I god, they sho don’t think none theirselves.” Joe	71	
“Thing packed up and put away in parts of her heart where he could never find them. She was saving up feelings for some man she had never seen.” Janie	72	
“Tony won’t never hit her. He says beatin’ women is just like steppin’ on baby chickens. He claims ‘tain’t no place on uh woman tuh hit.”	75	