

Their Eyes Were Watching God Critical Discussion Questions Ch. 12-13

1. What does Janie tell Phoeby that she likes about Tea Cake? What does this reveal about Janie, and their relationship?

2. What is the significance of Janie's saying, "Ah ain't grievin' so why do Ah hafta mourn?" What kinds of conflicts appear in this chapter?

2. Define "class off" – who did it and how?

3. Tea Cake spends Janie's money. What is your reaction? What is Janie's reaction? Why do you think Hurston had Tea Cake do this?

4. Why are they on the move again at the end of the chapter, and how does Janie feel about it? Why don't they stay put?