***Their Eyes Were Watching God* Fishbowl Questions**

**[for Chapters 5-8]**

**COMMUNITY:** What is Janie’s role within the Eatonville community? What forces help to shape this role? What are Janie’s own feelings about her place in the community?

**GENDER**: How are Janie’s experiences in Eatonville shaped by her gender identity? How are women generally treated in the town? How does Janie respond to the expectations placed on her as a woman?

**MARRIAGE**: What causes Janie’s marriage to Jody to deteriorate? How does Janie feel about her dissolving marriage? Do you ultimately find Jody to be a sympathetic figure? Why or why not?

**LIFE & DEATH**: Based on her reaction to Jody’s illness/death, how do you think Janie has changed over the last 17 years? What lessons has she learned, and how do they relate to the dreams she had as a teenager? What do you think Janie is looking for now that her second husband has died?