

**LEARNING STRATEGIES:**

Predicting, Note-taking,  
Marking the Text,  
Think-Pair-Share, Drafting

My Notes

## Learning Targets

- Reflect on major concepts and essential questions.
- Identify and analyze the skills and knowledge necessary to complete the Embedded Assessment successfully.

## Making Connections

One of the great literary discoveries in recent years has been Zora Neale Hurston’s novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Unappreciated by some of Hurston’s male contemporaries who, like her, were part of the literary and artistic movement known as the Harlem Renaissance, upon its first publication in 1937 the novel slipped out of print until Alice Walker (*The Color Purple*) brought it back to the public eye in the 1970s. Since then, Hurston’s story of Janie Crawford, a woman on a journey of self-discovery, has received wide acclaim by diverse readers and has made its own journey into the canon of American literature.

## Essential Questions

Respond to the Essential Questions based on your study of the first part of the unit:

1. How do cultural movements such as the Harlem Renaissance reflect and create people’s attitudes and beliefs?
2. How is one writer’s work both a natural product of and a departure from the ideas of a specific literary movement in American literature?

## Developing Vocabulary

Review the vocabulary terms you have analyzed and written in your Reader/Writer Notebook for this unit. How has your understanding of the key terms for the unit changed? Which terms do you know thoroughly? Which need more exploration?

## Unpacking Embedded Assessment 2

Read closely and mark the text for the skills and knowledge you will need to accomplish the assignment for Embedded Assessment 2: Writing an Analytical Essay.

Write an analytical essay in which you discuss how Zora Neale Hurston’s writing is both a reflection of and a departure from the ideas of the Harlem Renaissance. Include aspects of the Harlem Renaissance that you see reflected in Hurston’s writing as well as characteristics of Hurston’s writing that are departures from selected aspects of the Harlem Renaissance.

As you unpack the Embedded Assessment, create a graphic organizer that details the skills and knowledge required to complete the assignment successfully.