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A Closer Look- Follow up to novel

1. Read aloud the conversation at the end of Chapter 18 which begins, “Well,” he said humbly, “reckon you never ‘spected tuh come tuh dis when you took up wid me, didja?” Explain the meaning.
2. Review the story of the fight with the dog. Decide on the most important detail and discuss its significance.
3. Discuss the conversation between Janie and Tea Cake’s first meeting at the start of Chapter 10. How far did Janie and Tea Cake come by the events in Chapter 18?
4. Free Write on one of the two topics below:

The Strength of “The Tie That Binds”

The Disadvantage and Value of Risk in a Love Relationship

1. Looking back to Chapter 18, list the signals Janie and Tea Cake did not heed, signals which would have helped them gain control of their lives before the catastrophe.
2. In Chapters 18 and 19, what steps does Tea Cake take which, without his knowledge, lead to his death?
3. Think about Janie’s loss. Name as many facets of that loss as you can.
4. Referring to quotations from Chapter 19, analyze the attitude of the blacks toward Janie and her acquittal of Tea Cake’s death.
5. Why do her friends, so opposed to Janie after the shooting, now forgive her?
6. What do the following images symbolize?
   1. seed packet
   2. love-not like a grindstone, but like the sea
   3. the sun
   4. the horizon