Double Entry Journal — Marriage

Before Your Read Journaling

The purpose of this journal is to prepare us for one of the main issues in our upcoming novel. Think about your own views and then look for ways that you can compare those views to our main character's views.

What is your view of marriage? What do you think keeps a marriage together? Why do so many fall apart? Do you plan to get married? If so, why and what do you want out of your marriage? If not, why?

After You Read Journaling

This is to clue you into some things you should be looking for as you read Janie's story. How do your views compare to her perception of marriage? Do you think her marriages seem more realistic or fictional? Why? Who is to blame for the demise of her marriage to Joe? Why? What do you believe is Hurston's overall comment on marriage based on this novel?