

Project: Essay: Searching for Love and Self in Their Eyes Were Watching God

Write an essay that discusses the following question:

Does Janie's story end in triumph, despair, or a mixture of both?

Your essay should begin with a statement that answers the question, and then it should explain how her search began and ended, leaving you with the answer to which you have come.

Pre-Writing:

How does this book end in despair?

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How does this book end in triumph?

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Do you think this story ends in despair, triumph or a blend of both?

(Your answer here will become your thesis statement.)

Sample Outline:

Introduction:

Give the title, author and a brief summary of the book.

Thesis: This novel ends in both despair and triumph.

Body Paragraphs:

Topic Sentence: The end of the novel has some very upsetting events for Janie.

-Give at least three examples and really explain the sad things that happen at the end of the book.

Topic Sentence: However, the ending of the novel is ultimately very uplifting.

-Give at least three examples and really explain how Janie has a positive outlook on life and that show she is not stuck in grief, but is ready to live.

Conclusion:

Explain what you learned from Janie's experiences that you can apply to your life.