

### Example of Double-Entry Journal

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**Title of Book:**

*Their Eyes Were*

*Watching God*

By Zora Neale Hurston

**Passage:** She crept on hands and knees to the piece of roofing and caught hold of it by either side. Immediately the wind lifted both of them and she saw herself sailing off the fill to the right, out and out over the lashing water. (page 165)

Summary of what is going on at this point in the novel

At this point in the novel, Janie and Tea Cake are caught in the midst of a hurricane in Florida. They are trying to hold onto the roofing which has collapsed from the small shanty in which they were seeking shelter.

Reason for selecting this passage

I chose this passage because the imagery was descriptive and indicative of what was going to happen at the end of the story.

Reactions, beliefs, opinions about this passage

My reaction to this passage was that I wanted to know more about what was going to happen to both Janie and Tea Cake. I felt like I was in the storm. In addition, it made me connect to what happened to victims of Hurricane Katrina and how they must have felt throughout that entire ordeal.

Literary element: conflict

The conflict in this passage is clearly man vs nature. Janie is trying to survive against the fury of the hurricane and rushing waters. The wind is so powerful that it lifted both Janie and Tea Cake and threw them apart from each other. She is trying to survive; however, she is also worried about Tea Cake who is close to her in this ordeal, yet unreachable.

Figurative language: personification

Examples of personification in this passage are: *wind lifted* and *lashing water*. Both the wind and the water are given human qualities. Both qualities reflect strength and anger or wrath. Both wind and water are depicted as powerful, destructive forces that both Janie and Tea Cake cannot compete with.

Predictions or expectations

At this point in the novel, a reasonable prediction I can make is that Janie and Tea Cake are not going to be able to go back to their lives as they once knew them. It will become very difficult for them to stay together. Perhaps, something awful will happen to Tea Cake.

Foreshadowing

The fact that wind lifted both of them and then separated them foreshadows the fact that they will not be together.