

Homework for American Novel

NEW YEAR!!!!

1/7/08 Write an essay discussing a recurring theme in the novels read thus far. Include 3 novels. Write a brief essay comparing and contrasting the style of 2 authors. You will have an hour and a half to actually do the writing. Plan, outline, brainstorm...whatever, but when you are ready, set a timer for 1 ½ hours and write, write, write. You may use the computer to aid you in this test.

In *Their Eyes*, find 3 places where Hurston goes “philosophical.” These are the times when she breaks away from narrating and slips into almost poetic mode. Respond to the ideas she presents in those spots.

1/14/08 Find a critical essay and come ready to present “nuggets” from the essay. Look for symbols.

1/21/08 Do a project on an aspect of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Remind me to discuss symbols. If time permits, we will start *Raisin in the Sun*.

1/28/08 Write 6 Valentines (love poems) based on *Their Eyes*—from Janie to Logan, Jody, and Teacake and from Logan, Jody, and Teacake to Janie. Come ready to discuss *Raisin*.