

## Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition: Summer Reading 2023

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition. This letter contains your summer reading assignment. We have worked hard to find a novel complex enough to be applicable to the AP exam yet enjoyable enough to read.

Cheers and happy reading!

Mr. Rothstein and Mr. Feher



### Required reading:

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. We have 60 copies in the PVHS library. The novel is brief, but many students find the dialect difficult to understand, so you may want to augment your reading with an audiobook (link to audiobook <https://vimeo.com/323493265>).

To understand more about the setting or the author, we suggest researching the Restoration Era, Jim Crow, and the Harlem Renaissance.

[Hurstun Bio](#)

[Black Code Laws](#)

[Harlem Renaissance](#)

[Reconstruction](#)

[The Great Migration](#)

**Your assignment:** Either recreate or add a scene to *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, including a character from another novel you've read at PVHS. Characters must behave and speak as they do in the original novel (i.e., don't make Piggy a rapper who has 20/20 vision). Reading any of the articles above may be useful in generating ideas for your scene.

### Rules:

- In addition to your 250- to 500-word scene, you must include a 150-word explanation of your scene.
- You must complete this assignment individually.
- Your project will be graded on accuracy, comprehension, style, and originality.

**Due date:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, the second Friday of school.