



“On the train the next day, Joe didn’t make many speeches with rhymes to her, but he bought her the best things the butcher had, like apples and a glass lantern full of candies.”

**Part 1**

In chapter 5, Janie and Joe arrive in Eatonville to find that it is not the town they’d hoped. Joe, however, sensing a business opportunity, decides to open up a store. As a result, he is elected mayor of the town, and becomes a force to be reckoned with. In essence, he begins to demonstrate the full nature of his masculinity as his power and influence grow.

- Please select three (3) passages that you feel illustrate this particularly well, and note them below.

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**Part 2**

**PLEASE ANSWER EACH WITH COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

As Joe is made mayor of the town, the townsfolk call for a few words of encouragement from “Mrs. Mayor Starks,” (43).

- What is Joe’s reaction to this request, and what does this tell you about his views as they pertain to the roles of women?
- What were some of the reasons that “Joe Starks cowed the town?” (47).
- Janie was “irked...endlessly” (55) by the fact that “her hair was NOT going to show in the store,” (55). What can we infer about her relationship with Joe, based on the mention of this important symbol?

**Part 3**

The incident with Matt Bonner’s yellow mule is a powerful moment in the book, and it can be read in several ways.

- In 7-10 sentences, discuss at least two different ways to read this section. Focus specifically on what it tells you about Joe Starks.

**MINIMUM OF ONE (1) CITATION.**