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INFUSION POINT	BENCHMARKS	References	SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	LA.A.1.4.1 Selects and uses pre-reading strategies that are appropriate to the text.  LA.A.2.4.1 Deteremines the main idea and identifies relevant details  LA.B.2.4.1 Writes notes, text, outlines, comments, and observations that demonstrate comprehension and synthesis of content.	Bass, George Huston and Henry Louis Gates, eds. Mule Bone, a Comedy of Negro Life. Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston. Critical Perspective Past and Present, New York, New York: Amistad Literary Series, 1993.  Bloom, Harold, ed. Modern Critical Interpretation Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Chelsea House Publishers.  Browne, Patricia, Asa G. Hilliard, III, and Mary McFarland, eds. Centuries of Black Life: African American. New York, New York: Scholastic, Inc. 1990.  Gates, Henry G. Jr. and K. A. Appiah, eds. Zora Neale Hurston Critical Perspectives Past and Present. New York, New York: Amistad Literary Series, 1993.	LA.A.1.4.1 LA.A.2.4.1 LA.B.2.4.1 LA.C.1.4.1 LA.C.1.4.2 LA.C.1.4.3  GOAL 3 STANDARDS  3.1 Information Managers 3.2 Effective Communicators 3.3 Numeric Problem Solvers 3.4 Creative and Critical Thinkers 3.5 Responsible and Ethical Workers 3.6 Resource Managers 3.7 Systems Managers 3.8 Cooperative Workers 3.9 Effective Leaders 3.10 Multiculturally Sensitive Citizens

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GOAL: Students wi	Il develop an appreciation of the early life of Zora Neale Hurston's family in an African American town.	
INFUSION POINT	OBJECTIVES	
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	Students will be able to:	
	describe cultural, social, political, and/or historical perspectives in written texts.	
	compare and contrast the style and structure in written texts including the use of formal and informal vocabularies.	
	adjust writing for audiences with different characteristics/expectations.	
	locate and interpret information from historical sources, and analyze the effects of historic events on African American literature.	

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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	
	He tried to discourage her by saying "the world's gon' to hit you like a slap in de' face! Don't you go round tellin' people them fool stories." They argued constantly. John Hurst's mother was a slave and it was perhaps those "past memories and

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INFUSION POINT	CULTURAL CONCEPTS/INFORMATION Continued
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	expectations " that caused strain and conflict between the father and daughter. Zora was certainly not her papa's favorite daughter. It was her sister, Sara, who received the gifts and pretty clothes from John Hurst. Mary Potts continued to encourage Zora to "reach for de' sun" and perhaps it was the all "Black" town of Eatonville that confirmed her sense of self-worth.  Eatonville, Florida, where Zora Neale spent her early years, had an interesting history. The founder of this town was Joe Clark. He was a progressive thinker who believed that Black people could govern themselves without help from White people. He enlisted the help of Captain Eaton, a European American man from Maitland, to purchase land. He named the town "Eatonville" in appreciation of Captain Eaton's support. It became the only all Black township incorporated in North America when Florida granted its charter in 1886.  Joe Clark was the mayor of Eatonville and operated the country store, which was the town's gathering place. On the "Story Porch", the men and sometimes women would swap stories. Talking was a favorite past time all over the South. Sometimes the men would have a contest to see who was the best storyteller. "Exaggeration" was the key to the success of the storyteller. They used great imagination for their storytelling. It was in this climate that Zora grew up and began her thirst for "storytelling". The town's people certainly influenced her writing.

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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	

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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	barbershop) proved to be as educational as Howard University.  Zora's writing began at Howard University, which led to her joining STYLUS, the campus club for students with the
	ability to write well. Allan Lock, a philosophy instructor at Howard University was one of the club's sponsors. He took a
	personal interest in Zora, and encouraged her to write and gain confidence as a writer. It was Charles S. Johnson, publisher of
	a magazine called "Opportunity," who lived in New York, who encouraged Zora Neale Hurston to think of a permanent move
	north.
	Zora Neale Hurston arrived in Harlem in 1925, with one dollar and fifty cents. She was only one of over one million
	Black men and women (artists, laborers, tradesmen, etc.) who fled North to escape poverty, prejudice, and violence. Black
	culture, literature, visual, and performing arts flourished during this era. A rebirth of ideas and feelings were expressed in a
	variety of mediums. Zora was very much a part of this "Harlem Renaissance."
	Charles S. Johnson played a crucial role in the success of Zora Neale and the promotion of the Renaissance movement.
	Johnson organized what was called the Civic Club, designed to lure Black artists to Harlem to participate in competitive art
	activities. Prize winners received public accolades and writers had their work published. Zora's prize winning short stories,
	"Drenched in Light", "Spunk", and "Mutts" were published in "Opportunity", thus launching her career.
	Charles Johnson knew Zora Neale in Washington D. C., and had encouraged her to move to New York. He and his wife
	did much to support and encourage Hurston. He introduced her to Fanny Hurt, the prize-winning author of Imitation of

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	reservation, she agreed to J. B. Lippincot's request to write her autobiography, <u>Dust Tracks on a Road</u> . It received mixed

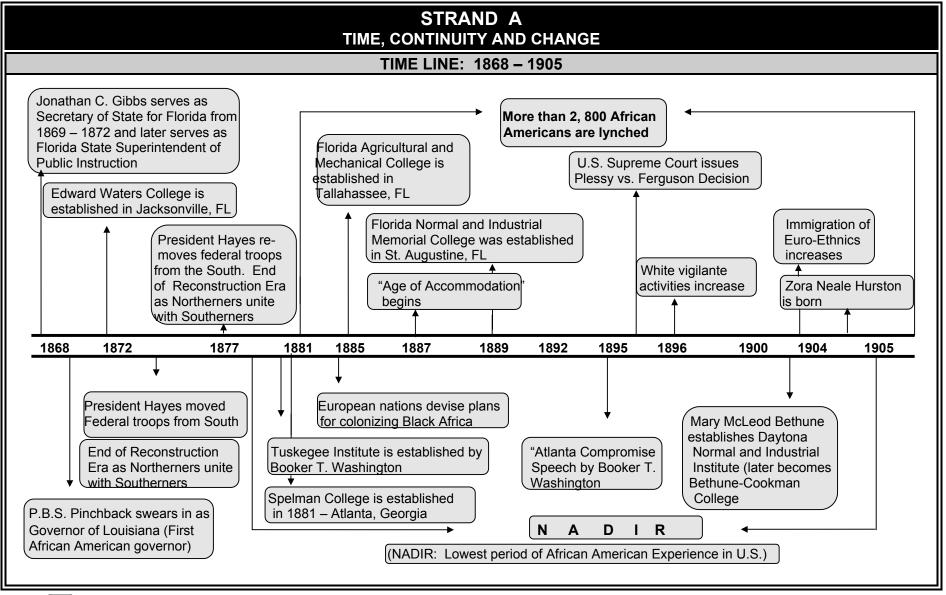
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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	reviews and some challenged the truthfulness of its content.
	Zora's style of writing was not mainstream and was often at odds with the Black community. She created characters
	that dealt with gender in the African American rural, middle-class world and the struggle for an internal sense of freedom of
	spirit and the body. She searched for freedom as an artist. She searched for how to be Black without limitation, and how to be
	a woman without constraints. Her literary work established her as a keen observer of African Americans and the world in
	which they lived. Hurston challenged and contested the notion that the integrity of the African American race needed
	defending and that Black people were deficient and had to be uplifted for approval by the dominant society. These views were
	developed and shaped to a considerable extent by her anthropological training under Franz Boas. They both believed in the
	value and legitimacy of all cultures. This defiance is embedded in her artistic and autobiographical writing.
	The Twilight Years
	The decades of the 1940's and 1950's were very difficult for Zora Neale Hurston. In spite of literary success, she
	continued to be plagued by financial problems. She left New York and returned to Florida, where she wrote articles for various
	newspapers and magazines. She was also a substitute teacher at Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce, Florida. Hurston
	suffered a stroke in 1959 and was forced to enter a county welfare home. She died in obscurity on January 28, 1960, and was
	buried in an unmarked grave in Fort Pierce, Florida.

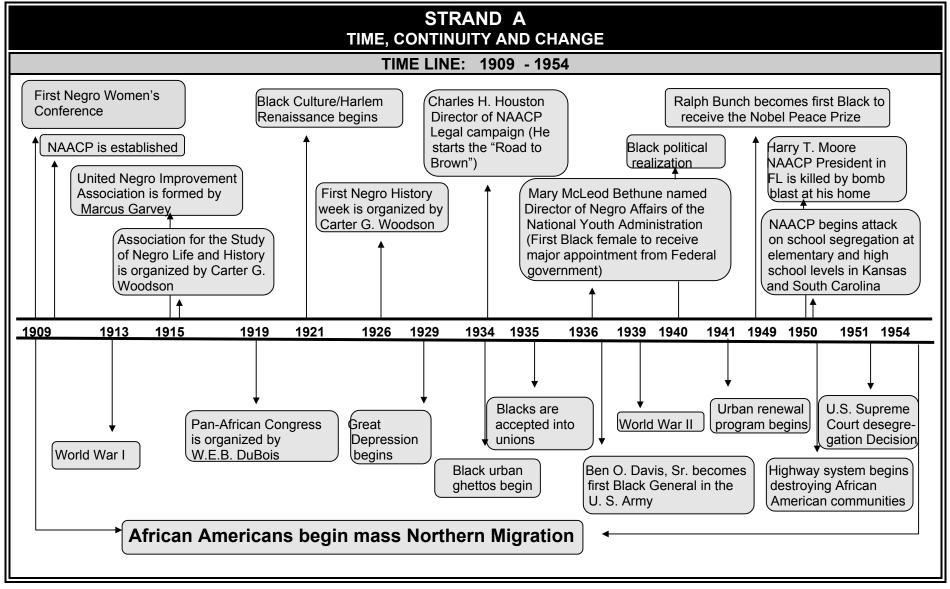
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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	It is ironic that since her death, her work has received widespread acceptance and acclaim. Alice Walker, author of The Color Purple, was the catalyst for this resurgence, when she wrote In Search of Zora Neale Hurston, published in MS magazine. Alice Walker paints a penetrating portrait of Hurston and her talent. This has contributed greatly to the revival and reprinting of much of Hurston's work. Alice Walker found Hurston's grave and along with other notables, had the body exhumed and transported to Eatonville for burial. A headstone marker befitting a woman of her literary stature was placed on her gravesite.

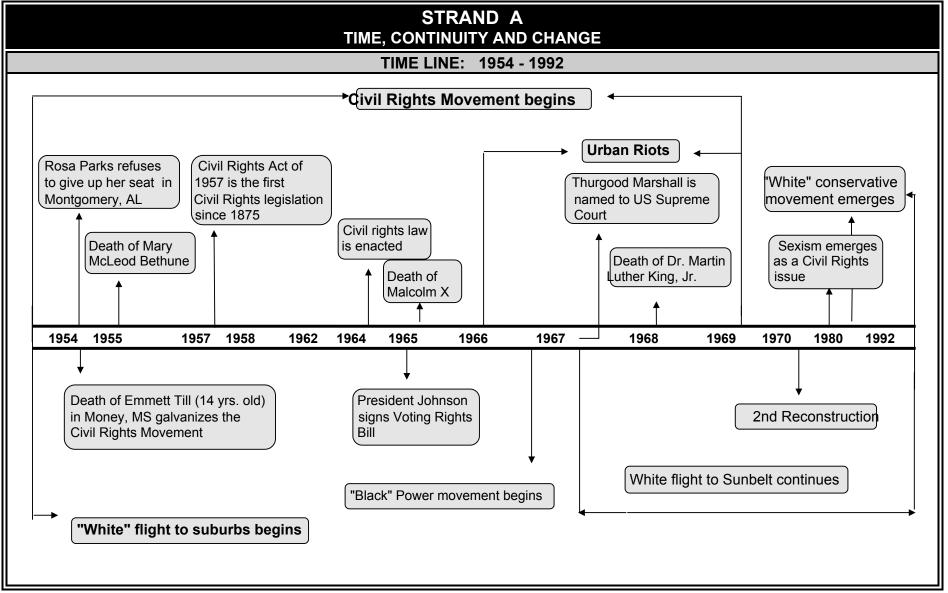
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Infusion Point	LINKAGES TO AMERICAN HISTORY
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	<ul> <li>1885 - Renaissance developments are realized among the African American population in 1885 and continue through 1993.</li> <li>1901 - Zora Neale Hurston is born.</li> <li>1903 - DuBois publishes <i>The Souls of Black Folk</i>.</li> <li>1903 - James Weldon Johnson and James Rosamond Johnson collaborate and write the Negro National Anthem "Lift</li> </ul>
	Every Voice and Sing."  > 1904 - Bethune-Cookman College is established in Daytona Beach.  > 1905 - First Niagara Women's Conference is held.  > 1909 - NAACP is founded to secure equal rights for Blacks.  > 1910 - The Great Migration of African Americans to the North Central region of America begins and continues through 1935.
	<ul> <li>1910 - The Great Migration of African Africans to the North Central region of African Begins and continues through 1935.</li> <li>1911 - National Urban League is founded.</li> <li>1912 - Workers lay rails for Henry Flagler overseas.</li> <li>1914 - Floridians serve as soldiers and pilots in World War I.</li> <li>1914 - World War I begins and continues through 1918.</li> <li>1917 - Thirty-nine (39) African Americans are killed in riots in East St. Louis.</li> <li>1917 - Harlem Renaissance period is recognized and continues through 1933.</li> <li>1919 - Red Summer Riots take place.</li> <li>1920 - Women receive the right to vote.</li> <li>1921 - During the Roaring Twenties, Floridians take to the roads in their automobiles.</li> <li>1925 - A. Phillip Randolph organizes the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (B.S.C.P.)</li> </ul>

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American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	<ul> <li>&gt; 1929 - The Great Depression impacts the United States of America from 1926 – 1942.</li> <li>&gt; 1934 - Charles H. Houston is named Director of NAACP. He starts the Road to Brown.</li> <li>&gt; 1935 - Blacks are accepted into the Unions.</li> <li>&gt; 1936 - Mary McLeod Bethune is named Director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.</li> <li>&gt; 1939 - World War II begins and continues through to 1945.</li> <li>&gt; 1941 - Japan bombs Pearl Harbor.</li> <li>&gt; 1941 - Urban Renewal programs begin to enhance the physical and economic well being of the Black Community and the cities therein.</li> <li>&gt; 1939 - German submarines attack American ships off the coast of Florida from 1939 – 1945.</li> <li>&gt; 1945 - Franklin D. Roosevelt dies.</li> <li>&gt; 1949 - Ralph Bunche receives the Noble Peace Prize.</li> <li>&gt; 1950 - Paul Robeson's passport is seized.</li> <li>&gt; 1951 - NAACP President, Harry T. Moore, is killed by a bomb in his home.</li> <li>&gt; 1950 - The period of the Korean War, 1950 – 1953.</li> <li>&gt; 1954 - Modern Civil Rights Movement spurs from the victory in Brown vs. Board of Education decision.</li> <li>&gt; 1954 - Rosa Parks refuses to sit at the back of the bus.</li> <li>&gt; 1955 - Death of Mary McLeod Bethune.</li> <li>&gt; 1957 - The Civil Rights Act of 1957 is the first Civil Rights Act since 1875.</li> <li>&gt; 1964 - The Civil Rights Act is voted by United States Congress.</li> </ul>

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Infusion Point	LINKAGES TO AMERICAN HISTORY: Continued
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	<ul> <li>&gt; 1965 - President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act.</li> <li>&gt; 1965 - Malcolm X dies.</li> <li>&gt; 1967 - Thurgood Marshall is named to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.</li> <li>&gt; 1968 - Death of Martin Luther King Jr. at the hands of an assassin.</li> <li>&gt; 1970 - Second Reconstruction period.</li> <li>&gt; 1972 - Amendment to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.</li> <li>&gt; 1975 - Rights of Handicapped Persons Law is passed by the Congress of the United States of America.</li> <li>&gt; 1980 - White Conservative movement gains influence in the United States of America.</li> <li>&gt; 1990 - Sexism emerges as a major Civil Rights issue.</li> <li>&gt; 1992 - White flight to the suburbs continues.</li> </ul>







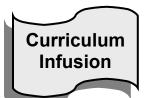
	STRAND A TIME, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE
INFUSION POINT	DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS
American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	Anthology - Collection of thoughts in written form, such as a poem.  Eatonville - Located in the State of Florida, the first and only existing predominantly African American city.  Exaggeration - To expand information beyond its immediate meaning to provide emphasis.  Lynching - Physical act of beating which culminates into hanging.  Pastime - Activities performed during leisure time.  Storyteller - A person who communicates oral traditions, values, and beliefs.  The Great Migration - The movement of people of African descent from the South to the North.

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#### **RECOMMENDED STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

#### Science

- > Analyze the concept of race. Present your findings in the form of a panel discussion.
- > Examine the role that melanin plays in determining a person's racial characteristics.
- Study the connection between "nature vs. nurture" as it applies to the behavior of people. Present your findings in the form of a chart: "Nature vs. Nurture"
- > Create a collage that depicts the different roles of an anthropologist. Display your collage.



#### **Mathematics**

- Examine a map of Florida. Locate Eatonville, Florida. Find and write the co-ordinates, (latitude and longitude) of this African American township.
- Write the name of the century for each of the following dates:

 1886
 1519
 1607
 2000

 1066
 1957
 1763
 1109

- Document the distances traveled by Zora Neale Hurston during the time she was a recognized artist.
- Discuss the theory of supply and demand. Determine what prices Ms. Hurston should have charged for <u>Mules and Men</u>, <u>Jonah's Gourd Vine</u>, and <u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u>.

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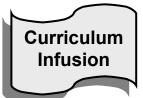
#### **RECOMMENDED STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

#### Social Studies

- Draw a map of Florida. Label Eatonville on the map. Include the major physical features of Eatonville, FL.
- Develop a historical timeline that lists all of the important events in African American History from the birth of Zora Neale Hurston to her death.
- Create a mural that shows the people of Eatonville, FL in the year 1886.
- Write an obituary for Zora Neale Hurston. Discuss how an anthropologist could use the obituary you wrote as a source of information on the life of Ms. Hurston and on the Harlem Renaissance.

#### Humanities/Arts

- Write a play depicting the life Zora Neale Hurston.
- Create a collage of Zora Neale Hurston and other women writers. This collage should include the works of African Ameriacan women and other minorities.
- Prepare a show for the school and for parents on African American female writers and artists. Students will work in pairs to prepare the display.



#### Language Arts

- Read works by Zora Neale Hurston such as <u>A Storytellers</u>
  <u>Life</u> or <u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u>. Report to your fellow classmates on what you have read.
- Construct a pictorial timeline on the life of Zora Neale Hurston
- Write a five paragraph essay on "How I would Feel Being Born and Reared in an African American Town".
- > Compose a tale that you would like to tell your class.
- Write a critique on the language used by Hurston in expressing her ideas and feelings.

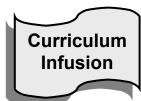


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#### **RECOMMENDED STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

#### Research Skills

- ➤ Using the Internet, investigate the role that the Griot had in transmitting a culture's history. Determine whether or not Zora Neale Hurston was the "Griot" for Americans of African Ancestry.
- > Examine the Harlem Renaissance. Report your findings to the class.
- Using all types of media, investigate the role of the NAACP in the quest for equal rights for all people. NAACP stands for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



#### Critical Thinking Skills

- > Use an interactive journal to explore critical thinking issues about Zora Neale Hurston's life.
- > Use visuals and orally present the findings from the data researched.
- Use role plays to depict the struggles Zora Neale Hurston encountered in being accepted as author/writer.

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RECOMMENDED STUDENT EVALUATION	
Students will be assessed on their creation of a time line which depicts the life, work, and achievements of Zora Neale Hurston.	
2. Students will be assessed on their researched oral presentation and essay on "The Life of Zora Neale Hurston."	
<ol> <li>Students will be assessed on their ability to write an essay which compares and contrasts the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston to two contemporary African American women writers (e.g. Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou).</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>Students will develop a scrapbook that includes pictures and stories about the life of authors and individuals who played important roles in the artistic career of Zora Neale Hurston.</li> </ol>	
<ol><li>Students will complete a multiple choice assessment on the content in the Harlem Renaissance Era of African American Culture.</li></ol>	

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INFUSION POINT  American Diversity (1900 – 1992)	