

## ZORA NEALE HURSTON "SWEAT" (1926)

- The dialect in the writing helps make the place of the story
- One of the most famous writers of the Harlem Renaissance
- Has a fable like structure within the plot
  
- All the men in town side with Zora with the abusive relationship with her husband
- Her husband Skyes was not a good husband
- Skyes was not like by the people in town

### WHY DOES SHE STAY IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH SKYES?

- Comfortable
- Scared
- Want to change him
- Loves him and wants to make it work

### WHAT DOES THE SNAKE SYMOBLIZE

- The devil
- The wiper earlier mentioned in the story, she was scared
  
- Washing clothes is a sin
- Needed a friend and found it in church
- "May sweat is done paid for this house and ah reckon ah kin keep on sweatin in it" pg. GG3
- Skyes jealous of Zora independence

### WHAT IS THE STORY MEANING

- Domestic violence
- Metaphorically- the struggle and violence in Zora and Skyes relationship symbolizes African-Americans in United States

### SHOULD SHE HAVE LEFT SOONER?

- Of course, the relationship took her health and beauty and youth.

### WHEN SHE REAISED THE SKILLET SHE HAD POWER

- Turing point in the story
- First time Skyes did not hit her

### THE END

- Skyes gets bit by a snake and dies
- Zora sits and watches Skyes die