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**Take a Closer Look**

- Zora liked to tell stories, even when she was little. Underline what Zora used to tell stories when she was a girl.
- Zora grew up in the South. What part of this reading tells us what the South is?

**Zora was a great storyteller. We can learn a lot about people and life back then by reading Zora’s stories.**

- What story would you like to share?

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The southern part of the United States is sometimes called the South.
Making Up Stories

Zora Neale Hurston was born in Alabama in 1891. She moved to Eatonville, Florida when she was 3.

When Zora was little, she listened to her neighbors tell stories. She also made up her own. Zora used her own homemade dolls to tell stories. She gave them names like Ms. Corn Shuck and Mr. Sweet Smell. In her stories, her dolls had many adventures!

Writing Stories

Over the years, Zora moved a lot. She lived with different family members and friends in the South. She met many people. She wanted to know how people were the same and how they were different. She shared their stories with others. She also wrote stories about her life in the South.

Sharing Stories

Zora wrote poems, plays, and books. She was one of the few African American women who was published at the time. Her stories have been printed and sold all over the world!

Amazing Fact!

Young Zora made dolls out of soap, a spool of thread, a doorknob, and a cornhusk!