

QUICK-WRITE:

TIME 5 MINUTES. WRITE SEVERAL POSSIBLE REASONS TO WHY THE SNAKE HAS POISON.

1. Before televisions, people gathered around the \_\_\_\_\_ to hear a story.
2. The tales of these \_\_\_\_\_ linked many generations and formed the culture's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why should the snake story be read aloud?

4. After reading the two stories about snakes, (one is a folk tale p.546-547, and one is non-fiction p. 550) tell what they have in common.

5. What is the book of black folktales called, (the first ever collected by an African American?)

6. What was the name of the author?

7. When did she become famous?

8. Retell the events of this story by writing sentences to follow these words:

First \_\_\_\_\_

So \_\_\_\_\_

But \_\_\_\_\_

Then \_\_\_\_\_

Finally \_\_\_\_\_

9. Hurston wrote her story using the kind of language in which it was told, in order to preserve the African American oral tradition. Besides the rhyme at the end of the story, what other phrases and words helped you imagine how the African American storyteller spoke?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

10. How does this story suggest one can deal with people who threaten you?

11. How does this story suggest one can deal with those in authority to get what you want?