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Hurston's Echo

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. As you read, **highlight or underline** words and phrases that reveal the author's unique writing style (e.g., imagery, rhythm, repetition, figurative language, or unusual word choices).

After marking, answer the reflection questions to explain how these stylistic choices affect the meaning and tone of the passage.

Excerpt Inspired by Zora Neale Hurston

There was a sudden hush in the air, as if the trees themselves leaned forward to listen. Janie stood still, her heart echoing with the rhythm of the crickets' song. She thought of the wide road before her, the sun dripping like golden honey across its bends, and the laughter that once spilled like music through the porch swings of her childhood.

The world seemed to hum with stories waiting to be told, and Janie felt them pressing against her, like the whisper of wind against a sail. Words gathered inside her, not neat and proper, but wild and tumbling, eager to leap into the air.

1. Which stylistic techniques did you notice (imagery, rhythm, figurative language, etc.)?

2. How do these stylistic choices affect the tone of the passage?

3. How does the style help reveal Janie's emotions or worldview?