***From Dust Tracks on the Road*—Autobiography of Zora Neale Hurston**

**During Reading:** As you listen to the excerpt, find evidence to support the following character traits exhibited by Zora as a young girl.

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| **Trait** | **Evidence**  |
| Strong-willed |  |
| Bright/intelligent |  |
| Self-assured |  |
| mischievous |  |

**After Reading: Answer the following basic comprehension questions.**

1. What does Zora do when she sits on the gatepost?
2. Why is Hurston’s grandmother scared of her boldness?
3. Why do the white Northerners visit the school?
4. What does Zora find most fascinating about the two white women who visit the school?
5. What does Zora do to gain the women’s attention?
6. What is inside the cylinder that the two women give Zora?
7. What does Zora say she likes even more than the clothes?
8. What does Zora like about the Biblical stories of David?

**Now, answer the final thought questions.**

1. What is your opinion of the white women and their treatment of Zora? What do you think is their motivation?
2. Why do you think she titled her autobiography: *Dust Tracks on the Road*? Given what you read in the excerpt, provide one possible explanation.