

Black History

TONI MORRISON



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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B) "Identity"
C) "Love"
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B) "Playing in the Dark"
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Her most famous novel, "The Bluest Eye", explores the theme of racial identity and the impact of societal expectations on the lives of black women.

Morrison's other notable works include "Sula", "Song of Solomon", and "Jazz". She was also a member of the National Academy of Arts and Letters, and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Book Award.

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Throughout her career, Morrison received numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Humanities Medal. She was also elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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- C) Oxford University
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6. Which prestigious awards did Toni Morrison receive for her literary contributions, including her novels and essays?

- A) Academy Award
- B) Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize in Literature
- C) Grammy Award
- D) Tony Award

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8. In which novel does Toni Morrison explore the lives of African American women in the early 20th century?
- Answer: B) Sula

9. For which literary organization did Toni Morrison get elected in 1990, recognizing her impact on literature and culture?
- Answer: B) American Academy of Arts and Letters

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 - A) Yale University
 - B) Howard University
 - C) Princeton University
 - D) Cornell University

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- Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature and

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- Princeton University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

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- *Song of Solomon*

When winning the Nobel Prize in Literature, what other significant awards did Morrison receive, recognizing her impact on literature and culture?
- Pulitzer Prize
- National Book Award
- National Medal of Freedom and National Humanities Medal
- Nobel Peace Prize
- Nobel Book Award

Which literary organization did Toni Morrison get elected to, acknowledging her outstanding contributions to the arts and literature?

- American Academy of Arts and Letters
- National Book Award
- Nobel Prize Committee
- Pulitzer Prize Board

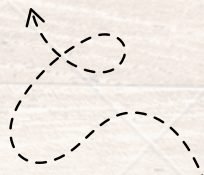
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MCQ'S & QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

GROUP ACTIVITY

TITLE OF TEXT _____

WHAT I THINK _____

ANNOTATING MARKS

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to something you don't understand.
- ✓ Write an exclamation mark next to something you find interesting.

SUMMARIZE

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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MAIN IDEA

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MAIN IDEA _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 _____

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