

# Open Forum 3

## Web Site Worksheet

### Chapter 5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to a book club discussion about Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

Have you ever read *Beloved* or another book by Toni Morrison?

What do you know about the history of slavery in the United States?

#### 2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the discussion. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Which Nobel Prize did Toni Morrison win?
  - a. Peace
  - b. Economics
  - c. Literature
  
2. Which of the following sentences is the best summary of the plot of *Beloved*?
  - a. *Beloved* is a story about the fighting in the American Civil War.
  - b. *Beloved* is the story of an escaped slave and what happened to her dead daughter.
  - c. *Beloved* is the story of how a slave family escaped from the South.

#### 3. Listening for More Detail

Read statements 3–12. Listen to the discussion again and write T for true or F for false for each statement.

3. Morrison won the Nobel Prize in 1983.
4. There have not been many African-American winners of this prize.
5. All of Morrison's books are about slavery.
6. Sethe escapes from Kentucky to the North by herself.
7. Sethe has three children when she lives in Ohio.
8. Sethe's owner killed her oldest daughter.
9. The baby did not have a name when she died.
10. The novel clearly states that *Beloved* is the ghost of Sethe's dead daughter.
11. Morrison believes that it is impossible to fully describe slavery in a novel.
12. The book focuses on the emotions of the character, not the history of slavery.