

Open Forum 3

Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 5

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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.