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They claim no reward for their services except food and clothing, and are treated with kindness or severity, according to the good or bad disposition of their masters. Custom, however, has established certain rules with regard to the treatment of slaves, which it is thought dishonourable to violate. But these restrictions on the power of the master extend not to the care of prisoners taken in war, nor to that of slaves purchased with money. All these unfortunate beings are considered as strangers and foreigners, who have no right to the protection of the law, and may be treated with severity, or sold to a stranger, according to the pleasure of their owners. The forms of slavery in Africa were closely related to kinship structures. In many African communities, where land could not be owned, enslavement of individuals was used as a means to increase the influence a person had and expand connections. As such, the owner is free to sell, trade, or treat the slave as he would other pieces of property and the children of the slave often are retained as the property of the master. Domestic service[ edit ] Many slave relationships in Africa revolved around domestic slavery, where slaves would work primarily in the house of the master but retain some freedoms. The slaves could own the profits from their labour whether in land or in products , and could marry and pass the land on to their children in many cases. Slave labor is performed by the debtor , or a relative of the debtor usually a child. Pawnship was a common form of collateral in West Africa. Pawnship was related to, yet distinct from, slavery in most conceptualizations, because the arrangement could include limited, specific terms of service to be provided and because kinship ties would protect the person from being sold into slavery. Pawnship was a common practice throughout West Africa prior to European contact, including amongst the Akan people , the Ewe people , the Ga people , the Yoruba people , and the Edo people in modified forms, it also existed amongst the Efik people , the Igbo people , the Ijaw people , and the Fon people. Military slavery involved the acquisition and training of conscripted military units which would retain the identity of military slaves even after their service. Although archaeological evidence is not clear on the issue prior to European contact, in those societies that practiced human sacrifice, slaves became the most prominent victims. Sacrifices were carried out all along the West African coast and further inland. Sacrifices were common in the Benin Empire , in what is now Ghana , and in the small independent states in what is now southern Nigeria. In the Ashanti Region , human sacrifice was often combined with capital punishment. Groups such as the Imbangala of Angola and the Nyamwezi of Tanzania would serve as intermediaries or roving bands, waging war on African states to capture people for export as slaves. Redemption of Christian slaves by Catholic monks in Algiers in *Burning of a Village in Africa, and Capture of its Inhabitants* p. A slave trade bringing Saharans through the desert to North Africa, which existed in Roman times, continued and documentary evidence in the Nile Valley shows it to have been regulated there by treaty. After the Islamic expansion into most of the region, the practices continued and eventually, the chattel form of slavery spread to major societies on the southern end of the Sahara such as Mali, Songhai, and Ghana. Because of religious constraints, the slave trade was carried out in parts of Europe by Iberian Jews known as Radhanites who were able to transfer slaves from pagan Central Europe through Christian Western Europe to Muslim countries in Al-Andalus and Africa. The first Mamluks served the Abbasid caliphs in 9th century Baghdad. Over time, they became a powerful military caste , and on more than one occasion they seized power for themselves, for example, ruling Egypt from 1071 From Egypt had been ruled by the Bahri dynasty of Kipchak Turk origin. White enslaved people from the Caucasus served in the army and formed an elite corps of troops eventually revolting in Egypt to form the Burgi dynasty. On this basis it is thought that around 8, new slaves were needed annually to replenish numbers - about , captives over the century from to By extension, for the years between and , the figure could easily have been as high as 1., Hence, there were wide fluctuations year-to-year, particularly in the 18th and 19th centuries, given slave

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imports, and also given the fact that, prior to the s, there are no consistent records. Middle East expert, John Wright, cautions that modern estimates are based on back-calculations from human observation. The majority were sailors particularly those who were English, taken with their ships, but others were fishermen and coastal villagers. However, most of these captives were people from lands close to Africa, particularly Spain and Italy. When pirates sacked Vieste in southern Italy in they took an estimated 7, slaves. In , Turgut Reis sailed to Corsica and ransacked Bastia, taking prisoners. In Barbary corsairs captured the town of Ciutadella, destroyed it, slaughtered the inhabitants and carried off 3, survivors to Istanbul as slaves. Barbary pirates frequently attacked the Balearic islands, resulting in many coastal watchtowers and fortified churches being erected. The threat was so severe that Formentera became uninhabited. Those who have not seen a galley at sea, especially in chasing or being chased, cannot well conceive the shock such a spectacle must give to a heart capable of the least tincture of commiseration. To behold ranks and files of half-naked, half-starved, half-tanned meagre wretches, chained to a plank, from whence they remove not for months together commonly half a year, urged on, even beyond human strength, with cruel and repeated blows on their bare flesh Sahrawi-Moorish society in Northwest Africa was traditionally and still is, to some extent stratified into several tribal castes, with the Hassane warrior tribes ruling and extracting tribute " horma " from the subservient Berber -descended znaga tribes. Below them ranked servile groups known as Haratin, a black population. In the Horn of Africa, the Christian kings of the Ethiopian Empire often exported pagan Nilotic slaves from their western borderlands, or from newly conquered or reconquered lowland territories. Slavery as practiced in Ethiopia was essentially domestic. Slaves thus served in the houses of their masters or mistresses, and were not employed to any significant extent for productive purpose. In terms of legal considerations, the customs regarding the treatment of Bantu slaves were established by the decree of Sultans and local administrative legates. Additionally Freedom for these plantation slaves was also often acquired through eventual emancipation, escape, and ransom. When the Atlantic trade came to an end, the prices of slaves dropped dramatically, and the regional slave trade grew, dominated by Bobangi traders. The Bobangi also purchased a large number of slaves with profits from selling ivory, who they used to populate their villages. A distinction was made between two different types of slaves in this region; slaves who had been sold by their kin group, typically as a result of undesirable behavior such as adultery, were unlikely to attempt to flee. In addition to those considered socially undesirable, the sale of children was also common in times of famine. Slaves who were captured, however, were likely to attempt to escape and had to be moved hundreds of kilometers from their homes as a safeguard against this. For instance, the slave trade helped to create a robust regional trade network for the foodstuffs and crafted goods of small producers along the river. As the transport of only a few slaves in a canoe was sufficient to cover the cost of a trip and still make a profit, traders could fill any unused space on their canoes with other goods and transport them long distances without a significant markup on price. While the large profits from the Congo River slave trade only went to a small number of traders, this aspect of the trade provided some benefit to local producers and consumers. Various forms of slavery were practiced in diverse ways in different communities of West Africa prior to European trade. The Mossi Kingdoms tried to take over key sites in the trans-Saharan trade and, when these efforts failed, the Mossi became defenders against slave raiding by the powerful states of the western Sahel. The Mossi would eventually enter the slave trade in the s with the Atlantic slave trade being the main market. Akinjogbin contends that European accounts reveal that the slave trade was not a major activity along the coast controlled by the Yoruba people and Aja people before Europeans arrived. Upon slavery Mr Robins remarked that it was not what people in England thought it to be. It means, as continually found in this part of Africa, belonging to a family group-there is no compulsory labour, the owner and the slave work together, eat the like food, wear the like clothing and sleep in the same huts. Some slaves have more wives than their masters. It gives protection to the slaves and everything necessary for their subsistence- food and clothing. A free man is worse off than a slave; he cannot claim his food from anyone. In early Islamic states of the western Sahel, including Ghana " , Mali " , Segou " , and Songhai " , about a third of the population were enslaved. In Sierra

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Leone in the 19th century about half of the population consisted of enslaved people. Among the Vai people, during the 19th century, three quarters of people were slaves. In the 19th century at least half the population was enslaved among the Duala of the Cameroon and other peoples of the lower Niger, the Kongo, and the Kasanje kingdom and Chokwe of Angola. Among the Ashanti and Yoruba a third of the population consisted of enslaved people. The population of the Kanem " was about a third-enslaved. Between and from one- to two-thirds of the entire population of the Fulani jihad states consisted of enslaved people. The population of the Sokoto caliphate formed by Hausas in the northern Nigeria and Cameroon was half-enslaved in the 19th century. Slavery was widespread among Taureg peoples and lasted until at least Among the Adrar 15 percent of people were enslaved, and 75 percent of the Gurma were enslaved. When mentioned, the slave trade appears to be of a small-scale and mostly involve slave raiding of women and children along the islands of Kilwa Kisiwani, Madagascar and Pemba. However, slavery never became a significant part of the domestic economies except in Sultanate of Zanzibar where plantations and agricultural slavery were maintained. Along the Kenya coast, 90 percent of the population was enslaved, while half of Madagascars population was enslaved. Memorial to the slave trade through the port of Ouidah. Slave relationships in Africa have been transformed through three large-scale processes: Each of these processes significantly changed the forms, level, and economics of slavery in Africa. Eighteenth century writers in Europe claimed that slavery in Africa was quite brutal in order to justify the Atlantic slave trade. Later writers used similar arguments to justify intervention and eventual colonization by European powers to end slavery in Africa. Many elite Africans visited Europe on slave ships following the prevailing winds through the New World. African monarchs also sent their children along these same slave routes to be educated in Europe, and thousands of former slaves eventually returned to settle Liberia and Sierra Leone. Arab slave trade Nineteenth-century engraving of Arab slave-trading caravan transporting African slaves across the Sahara. The Arab slave trade, established in the eighth and ninth centuries AD, began with small-scale movement of people largely from the eastern Great Lakes region and the Sahel. Islamic law allowed slavery but prohibited slavery involving other pre-existing Muslims; as a result, the main target for slavery were the people who lived in the frontier areas of Islam in Africa. It is estimated that, at that time, a few thousand enslaved people were taken each year from the Red Sea and Indian Ocean coast. They were sold throughout the Middle East. This trade accelerated as superior ships led to more trade and greater demand for labour on plantations in the region. Eventually, tens of thousands per year were being taken.

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## 2: Obituaries - , - Your Life Moments

*Narrating violence, constructing collective identities: to witness these wrongs unspeakable. [Giti Chandra; Palgrave Connect (Online service)] -- This significant new book is an interdisciplinary study of violence, its narrativisation and affects, of collective identity formation, national, ethnic and racial.*

We use information technology and tools to increase productivity and facilitate new forms of scholarship. Names are obscured, replaced, and eventually revealed in both epic poem and novel. Names in *Song of Solomon* are deeply implicated in issues of narrativity: Certain names allude to other stories: The midwife, Circe, a pivotal figure in the puzzles of naming and narrative around which the novel is structured, is the only character to bear a name from Greek mythology. Yet while she so obviously signifies a Homeric intertext and the patrilineal literary history that is its legacy, Circe simultaneously subverts this tradition, sending the protagonist on a journey that resembles the master narrative, but is destabilized by other discourses. The integrity of the narrative is accordingly stretched between a system of dualities: In this essay I focus on how Morrison employs the figure of Circe to position her novel both within and beyond the classical tradition of the catabatic narrative. Toni Morrison graduated with a minor in classics from Howard University in , and it is obvious that her academic training informed *Song of Solomon*. Milkman, the son of a prosperous slumlord in an unnamed Michigan city, is set on a quest for his history and identity that leads him back to Virginia and the Gullah traditions of his ancestors. That *Song of Solomon* is structured as an archetypal heroic saga was immediately recog- I On the implications of names in the *Odyssey* see J. Peradotto, *Man in the Middle Voice: Name and Narration in the Odyssey* Princeton The significance of naming in *Song of Solomon* is discussed at length by M. See Mobley above, n. In an early essay on the novel, A. Leslie Harris identified a mythic structure that conforms to the male initiatory pattern. Other characters in the novel can be mapped onto this mythic grid. This is a completely legitimate reading of the text, but one with limitations. The resolution of the novel, which implicates a female oral tradition and African folktale, suggests a more subversive approach to the familiar mythic structure. Later scholarship posits that Morrison manipulates the male initiation theme to expose it as problematic. My objective here is to facilitate a better understanding of how Morrison manipulates and subverts the catabatic traditions connected with coming of age or initiation narratives and how she situates the obligatory descent to the Underworld with relation to the story of flight. *Ethnic Women Writers 1* Brenner, "Song of Solomon: After spending a year of indolence on her island, the hero prepares to leave, only to be told by Circe that he must make the descent. She provides information about how to accomplish the catabasis, and is an integral part of the *Nekyia*. Mobley, however, does make an important point when she cautions: The temptation throughout the entire novel. But in the irony, complexity, and multiplicity of mythopoesis, this temptation is thwarted and the reader must acknowledge a variety of ways to interpret the names, to read the signs, to understand the rituals. Ogden, *Greek and Roman Necromancy* Princeton Ogden records Circe as being the first of a line of female necromancers in literature. Furthermore, her association with the Underworld seems to predate the *Odyssey*. Siduri, a Circe-like figure in the Akkadian *Gilgamesh*, directs the hero to Utnapishtim the land of the dead through a forest and water. Marinatos "Circe and Liminality: Ritual Background and Narrative Structure," in M. For further folktale parallels, discussion, and bibliography see Heubeck and Hoekstra above, n. The *History of an Enchantress* [Urbana and Chicago, ] devotes only a paragraph to *Song of Solomon* which aptly identifies her as "keeper of true names and pointer of true directions. Swine and Sweethearts," in B. It is by examining how she both signifies that narrative tradition and operates as an agent of its rupture that we understand the full implications of her presence and power. Let us turn now to the story. Like the *Odyssey* it features a complex narrative structure, with numerous embedded tales which fill in the past and which even sometimes contradict one another. He asked Papa where he was born. Then he asked him who his father was. Said it was new and would wipe out the past" It does indeed wipe out the past, but it also becomes a prediction of the untimely demise of

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Macon Dead, who is murdered right in front of his two young children by a white neighbor who covets his farm. The children are concealed and fed by Circe; in this version she is a black woman who works for the wealthy white family who murdered Macon Dead. After several weeks in seclusion, yearning for fresh air and simple food, they return to the wild, and eventually hide in a cave where young Macon, surprised and frightened by an old prospector, stabs him in the back. Brother and sister part company here, permanently alienated with their characters firmly set. Macon is depicted as anything but heroic—the assault of the old man in the cave hardly seems justified, and his wrangle with his sister sets the tone for his future relationships with women. Morrison, *Song of Solomon* New York Pilate travels throughout the South collecting rocks and lovers along the way, until she settles with her daughter Reba and grand-daughter Hagar outside the Michigan town where her brother has established himself. His family life is sterile and repressive, and he continues to ignore his sister. As Philip Page observes: The neurotic Ruth, starved for intimacy, breastfeeds her son long into his early boyhood, a secret which, when discovered, provides the child with his new name. The maternal body is thus imposed on the already displaced name of the father which is correlative with the story itself. This matronymic, as it were, contributes to the initiatory theme by pinning Milkman in a maternal world from which he must break free, a common element in such narratives. Bakerman, "Failures of Love: Bakerman does not discuss female initiation as a mythic pattern in *Song of Solomon*, but nonetheless makes some valuable observations about the initiatory themes in the novel. Only Pilate goes through an initiation when she is an adolescent, "as is traditional. The dead must be named in order for the story to be put to rest. Yet the power of naming, despite the strong patrilineal surface narrative, resides to a very large extent within the bodies and knowledge of women: Responding to the ghost of her father Macon Dead the first, Pilate and her family unknowingly enact the name of her mother. Their song about Sugarman contains the vestigial name of their forefather, Solomon or Shalimar, who flew away from slavery—and family. It will guide Milkman to the truth about his origins. O Sugarman done fly away Sugarman done gone Sugarman cut across the sky Sugarman gone home. The event corresponds with the birth of Milkman, who will later hear the song performed by his aunts and cousin, with Solomon replacing Sugarman, providing the key to his patrimony. Naming and narrativity are inextricably woven together in this instance, and it is the voices of women and later children who transmit this patrimony, and who contest its significance and meaning. For Milkman the tale is self-affirming and heroic, but the wise women of Shalimar read it differently. The relationship between names and narrative is established early in the novel by the subversive processes that bring about the designation of "Not Doctor Street. Since the only black doctor in town, Dr. Foster after whom Not Doctor Street was named extinguishes any desire Macon ever felt for her. Milkman hears the contesting tales of both his parents, uncertain of the truth. Yet he chooses to privilege one particular story of his father: Convinced that Pilate has the gold in a bag tied to her ceiling, he sends Milkman and Guitar to steal it. The counter-narrative is told by Pilate to Ruth, in a story never circulated among the men: For when the skin has melted from a body, it is impossible to tell if a man was black or white. The bones that Pilate carries with her are not those of a lost husband, Mr. Solomon, as she tells the police, or even those of the white prospector, as she believes, but those of her own father, whom she unconsciously names. The narrative without this missing name is incomplete. Jake and Singing Bird, his grandparents, and his great-grandparents, Shalimar and Ryna. Mason, "The Novelist as Conservator: His quest, however, will evolve into a search for personal and cultural identity, an identity that individuates him from the father who bullies his wife and daughters, neglects and repudiates his only sister, and turns an old woman and her family out of her home. The figure at the threshold of his development is the uncanny Circe. Circe is first named by Macon when he starts to recount his history to Milkman. He remembers the animals named after humans, and significantly, a pig named General Lee, who was delicious. Circe made up the best pot of maws she ever cooked. That was it, Circe. Worked at a big farm some white people owned in Danville, Pennsylvania. Funny how things get away from you. Then just like that, it all comes back to you. His investigations lead him to the Butler mansion, where Circe concealed Macon and Pilate. The accent on her extreme old age is suggestive of the antiquity of the tale from which

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Circe is imported book 10 of the Odyssey. Her home, the decaying Butler mansion, is hidden behind bushes, much like the lush greenery of Aeaea; indeed the inaccessibility of the place makes it a veritable island. Circe is a strange combination of appalling decrepitude and sexual power. Like the ancient tale she is in decline, but still possessed of a compelling allure. As she embraces Milkman, mistaking him for his father, the young man finds himself simultaneously aroused and disgusted. Like her epic predecessor, who supplicates the hero soon after meeting him after failing to enchant him with her potions, Od. Their embrace is only interrupted by her throng of dogs. Whether they are in fact her former masters is never specified.

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*Contents Introduction: 'Non-Realism: The Once and Future Reality' Or 'Twice Abused Bodies and the Question of Agency' The Mystery of Violence 'To Witness These Wrongs Unspeakable': The Metaphorical, the Material and the Violenced Body' The Poison in the Womb: Dis/placing the Violenced Body in Toni Morrison's Beloved Narrating Collectivity from Violence: The Case of Slavery and World War I in.*

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conditions to which the individual or population is likely to be exposed EPA, b. While hazard identification and dose-response assessments provide associations between an agent and adverse health outcomes, quantification of exposure is necessary to formulate and classify the overall risk of the agent. For example, an extremely carcinogenic agent may not pose a health risk if the opportunity for exposure to the agent is insignificant or non-existent EPA, a. These data are collected to quantify the types of exposure, length of exposure, frequency, and intake route, to include absorption, distribution, and excretion of the agent EPA, This information is then utilized both in the risk characterization step, as well as a means of determining vulnerable populations, such as children, whom may experience higher exposure or may be highly susceptible to the agent EPA, b. The final step in the human health risk assessment process is risk characterization. The risk characterization is based upon the type and degree of risk, and consists of an integrative analysis of the summarized findings of each of the previous assessments with their associated uncertainties EPA, The compiled analyses are used to make recommendations concerning the risk an agent may pose to the population, and such recommendations may be utilized to drive policy making and form regulations Schmidt, Epigenetic data in the risk assessment process Environmental contaminants have the potential to mediate disease states through perturbations in key signaling pathways via differential gene expression. Such perturbation can ultimately result in altered protein expression and activity. In the last two decades, research has shown that epigenetic alterations, a term describing the processes that govern heritable alterations in genomic expression that are not dependent upon changes in the DNA sequence Cortessis et al. Epigenetic alterations regulate homeostatic and inducible gene expression and include but are not limited to DNA methylation, the post-translational modifications of histones, and small non-coding RNAs Weake and Workman, The field of toxico-epigenomics, which is the study of the relationship between epigenetic alterations and adverse cellular outcomes in response to toxic agents, is now at the forefront of the field of environmental health science. It is possible that the epigenetic alterations associated with exposure to environmental toxicants may be key factor in the etiology of environmentally-associated diseases Dolinoy and Jirtle, ; Baccarelli and Bollati, ; Haluskova, ; Hou et al. The interest in utilizing toxico-epigenomic data builds upon the history of the desire for the incorporation of toxico-genomic data in the risk assessment process. Toxico-genomics, the study of the relationship between the products of the genome, mRNA and protein, and the cellular response to toxic insult, garnered much interest with the advent of high throughput technologies developed in the late, s such as the gene expression microarray. Genome-wide profiling of transcriptional responses as a consequence of exposure to toxicants has allowed for the harnessing of the predictive value of mRNA transcripts in relation to the pathogenesis and progression of environmental contaminant-induced disease Aardema and MacGregor, Gene expression profiling has been considered a potential tool in the risk assessment process Pennie et al. The identification of transcriptional events that mediate pathogenic processes allows those events to serve as biomarkers in the risk assessment process. Several investigations have utilized gene profiling to predict biological outcomes in response to contaminant exposure Wang et al. Transcript profiles have also been correlated with associated biological pathways, such as inflammation and oxidative stress Scandalios, ; Beaulieu et al. If adverse health outcomes can be predicted based upon gene expression profiles, then factors controlling gene expression may also be used to predict these same outcomes. Epigenetic data may therefore be used to inform the risk assessment process given the epigenetic regulation of gene expression in response to toxicants. There are several benefits of using epigenetic data as determinants in the risk assessment process. For example, epigenetic alterations can be used as biomarkers of effect upon exposure to environmental toxicants. These epigenetic biomarkers may also be employed as predictors of disease when such epigenetic marks are associated with differential gene expression. There is also the potential that such alterations may be heritable and therefore stable in the context of detection. They may also predict or demonstrate possible inherited gene expression changes in response to maternal toxicant exposure as reviewed in Ho et al. As a result, there is the potential that epigenomic data may ultimately inform TD, TK, the inter- and intra-species differences in TD and TK, mechanisms of action, mode of action, and contribute to



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the exposure and dose-response assessment. Ultimately, such toxico-epigenomic data may be useful in the risk characterization process and add additional accuracy to the risk assessment process. In order to incorporate epigenetic data in the risk assessment process, the following parameters must be addressed: In the context of epigenetic data that could inform human health risk assessment, an overview of epigenetic alterations in the context of five priority toxic metals and their relationship to gene expression and disease is presented. Epigenetics and gene expression changes Epigenetic alterations regulate key events in cellular homeostasis, including transcriptional and translational regulation of gene expression. Epigenetic alterations can be induced by environmental stimuli, and much attention has been given to the role of the epigenome in human disease Skinner, ; a role that arises primarily from the control the epigenome exerts over the transcriptome and proteome. The transcriptome, which is the total transcribed RNA of a cell at a given point in time, is regulated primarily through transcription and mRNA stability and degradation. DNA methylation, histone modifications, and miRNA all regulate the transcriptome through transcriptional processes. Epigenetic regulation of the proteome occurs primarily through the action of miRNAs on mRNA transcript stability and translation.

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## 5: Criminal Prosecutions Against Pregnant Women

*His destination, however, is curiously womb-like, a cave so dark that he is blinded by the absence of light. He has embarked on the hero's journey away from his mother but now crawls back symbolically into the maternal body—a striking variation of the traditional catabasis, and a decided temporal inversion.*

Jazz novel *Playing in the Dark: The Ant or the Grasshopper? The Lion or the Mouse? Poppy or the Snake? The Mirror or the Glass?* Morrison, Toni, and B. Literature and Diminished Expectations. But Nobel Prize-winning author and professor Toni Morrison warned an army of admirers not to linger there long. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. While the future may appear ephemeral it is time for humanity to abandon its reliance on the past. Not all history is treated or presented accurately, she said. She offered the s as an example. In the present, the social and natural sciences are offering promising glimpses and even warnings into a future filled with possibilities. Morrison, Toni, and Valerie Boyd. An Unforgettable Literary Debut. Published in , the slender, spare novel explores the impact of racism on young black girls. The protagonist is Pecola Breedlove, an eleven-year-old black girl who is convinced she is "relentlessly and aggressively ugly" and thus yearns for blue eyes—and for the society-approved beauty she believes they will give her. Morrison started writing the novel in the mids, when large numbers of African-Americans began asserting that blackness is beautiful. But the idea for *The Bluest Eye* lodged itself in her brain twenty years earlier. When Morrison was eleven or twelve, one of her classmates revealed a sorrowful secret: She had been imploring God to give her blue eyes. The girl "had apparently been praying for two years and brought up the question of the existence of God because he had not answered her prayer," Morrison said in a discussion on American Online in May , soon after Oprah Winfrey chose *The Bluest Eye* as a selection for her book club. Before Winfrey made the pick, the book sold poorly. But soon after reading it to the group, she set the work aside. At the time, she was a divorced mother of two sons who was writing in fits and starts while earning her living as an English professor at Washington, D. Malcolm X was assassinated, Selma marchers were beaten by Alabama state troopers and Los Angeles suffered terrible race riots. The novel is set in Lorain in Morrison has said that Pecola Breedlove is a composite of several girls she knew when she was a child. Such books were few and far between—or out of print, as was the case with the works of Zora Neale Hurston , the most prominent black female writer of the first half of the twentieth century. No one had written them yet, so I wrote them. But every time she would ever talk about those white children — there would be this sort of glow inside her. You can be loved more if you are white. If only I were white, she would love me more. It was as though some mysterious all-knowing master had given each one a cloak of ugliness to wear, and they had each accepted it without question. Yet the novel is not all tragedy and pathos. There is beauty in the telling. Kirkus Reviews 38, no. Certain seeds it will not nurture, certain fruit it will not bear. But in a world where blue-eyed girls are clucked over and admired, and the Pecolas are simply not seen, there is always the possibility of the dream and wish—for blue eyes. Born of a mother who adjusted her life to the clarity and serenity of white households and "acquired virtues that were easy to maintain" and a father, Cholly, stunted by early rejections and humiliations, Pecola just might have been loved—for in raping his daughter Cholly did at least touch her. But "Love is never better than the lover," and with the death of her baby, the child herself, accepting absolutely the gift of blue eyes from a faith healer whose perverse interest in little girls does not preclude understanding , inches over into madness. A skillful understated tribute to the fall of a sparrow for whose small tragedy there was no watching eye. Library Journal 95, no. This first novel of the black experience in the U. Morrison has an acute memory for the sights, sounds, and smells which give piquancy to childhood: Vaseline and Black Draught for colds, hatred of white dolls, longing for blue eyes. She is also adept in the presentation of character types: The dialogue is well paced and rhythmically authentic, although one section depicting the imaginary conversation of the now-maddened and schizoid child, delivered of a dead baby at 12, weakens the structure and adds little to the story. This novel by a new and considerable talent has substance. It

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embodies a realityâ€”for those who wish to understand it. Of particular interest to young adults and social caseworkers, and for most public libraries. Perceptivity and authentic dialog combine to make of a first novel [The Bluest Eye ] an exercise in some of the realities of today. The emotions of black girls entering adolescence, a young husband and wife seeking economic relief in a midwestern city, and the hopelessness of tardy recognition that one has already obtained as much personal fulfillment as the circumstances allow are precisely drawn. There are detailed scenes of an incestuous assault and the psychological harm it inflicts and of the fantasies of a child molester. Well-written and believable, the story portrays through a small segment of a black community conditions and problems present in a larger area of society. Black Girlhood in The Bluest Eye. Because she found nothing there that would speak to her difficulties, she says, she "was led, almost inevitably to the autobiographies of women entertainersâ€” Eartha Kitt , Katherine Dunham , Ethel Waters. The material circumstances of their childhood were so much worse than mine; they too had had to cope with early and forced sex and sexuality, with mothers who could not express love in the terms that they so desperately needed. Yet they had risen above this, turned their difference into something that was respected in the world beyond their homes. I, in the free North, could do no less than endure" Black girls did not exist as far as the publishers of school anthologies were concerned. Quite clearly, the books used in American schools were primarily by and about white, Anglo-Saxon, middle-class people" It was this absence of fictionalized characters with whom she could identify that started Sherley Anne Williams "on the road to being a writer" At some point, in virtually every interview with a black woman writer, comes a similar admission. The consistent response to the question of why she became an author is that she could not find the books that she needed. Toni Morrison was a precocious reader as a child, but it was not until she discovered the Russian novelists that she found herself spoken to. Otherwise, she felt herself shunted to the sidelines. Working out of her memory of what Lorain, Ohio, had been like in , she reconstructed her own childhood. Placed center stage are three little girls: It is an initiation story so unlike any other that had been done before that Toni Cade Bambara says her students have difficulty dealing with it. Among other things they fail to appreciate the traumatic aspects of the first menses because the onset of menstruation is not something that is valued in our culture. As Bambara notes, "The initiation or rites of passage of the young girl is not one of the darlings of American literature. The coming of age for the young boy is certainly much more the classic case. Macteer runs out, pulling a switch from the bush and whipping Frieda with four stinging cuts on the leg. About to punish Pecola, too, she notices "the white tail" and the "little-girl-gone-to-woman pants" 28 and hugs them both. That Claudia still does not comprehend what is happening becomes evident in her panic as she listens outside the bathroom and hears the water gushing into the tub. Later that night as they sleep together, they "were full of awe and respect for Pecola. Claudia needs her sister to interpret her experience for her. The children are forced to rely on each other for information, since adults make themselves so inaccessible. Adults demand deference and fend off questions. They maintain a social distance between themselves and their children through non-reciprocal conversations. Claudia says, "Adults do not talk to usâ€”they give us directions. They issue orders without providing information" Communication is a hierarchically structured, one-way transmission. Another strictly enforced rule, in the forties at least, was the insistence upon terms of respect. Their status, it is impressed upon them, is a little lower than that of the furniture: Like, here is the bathroom; the clothes closet is here; and these are my kids" Parents express their concern through the strict annihilation of any vestige of impropriety, through lashing out. Each season brings a change in whipping style for the Macteer girls: Instead of the dull pain of a winter strap, there were these new green switches that lost their sting long after the whipping was over. There was a nervous meanness in these long twigs that made us long for the steady stroke of a strap or the firm but honest slap of a hairbrush" Since parental concern manifests itself in this way, an act of translation is required to read the love latent in it. Claudia shows her ability to realize that she is loved during an illnessâ€”the vehicle of her understanding being the pair of rough hands that smear salve on her chest. In an interview with Robert Stepto, Morrison confirms this belated realization, so beautifully inscribed in her first novel: Expressions of maternal concern are seldom verbalized

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in *The Bluest Eye* ; rather, they are beaten into the child, inscribed on her skin. It was this maternal attitude that Sherley Anne Williams had, as a girl, hoped to find expressed in fiction by black women and whose absence fixed her determination to write about the issue. When we catch colds, they shake their heads in disgust at our lack of consideration" She is not reassured verbally: Only later does she realize that the rough hands that rub salve on her chest are expressing concern; that love, even when it cannot be heard, can be smelled and tasted.

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## 6: Signifying Circe in Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon | Judith Fletcher - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*The seasons themselves are experienced by the children as different styles of whipping, and Pecola's family life (the ground of being, the mother-body of a child's existence) is defined by what degree of violence her parents daily mount against each other.*

October 30, Keywords: Sincere thanks to Carly Rees Bogarad whom I greatly miss ; I count myself blessed to have had her in my life, for it was she who saw something special in me when I didnt To Jan Zlotnik Schmidt and H. Stoneback for fostering that something special I would never have gone this far without their believing in my abilities as a teacher, student and scholar To my colleagues at Valencia Community College, West thanks for patiently enduring my endless conversations beginning with, my dissertation and to my deans Kim Long and Karen Borglum for making sure I had time off to take my exams and partial summers off to write. My dearest friends, thank you for still being my friends even after my disappearance for months at a time. My family in Maine, the Jackson and Edwards families but especially Chris and Lily many thanks for sharing their home by the lake, a most perfect place to write. My professors, colleagues, and staff at the University of South Florida USF deserve my utmost respect for their support and guidance. I know Ive said thank you hundreds of times but one more to Lee Davidson is most appropriate for her patience PAGE 4 with me throughout my PhD work and the dissertation process I do apologize for any grief I have caused her along the way I am grateful to Dr. Lynn Worsham for working with me even when she was no longer teaching at USF. Her guidance during the early stage of my Paradise chapter helped place this work in sharper focus and set the foundation for this dissertation I extend deep gratitude to my dissertation panelists for giving of their time and supplying me with further thought and insight: Pat Rogers for suggesting various titles for further reading to include in both the Leapor and Richardson chapters Gurleen Grewal for recommending I work on the Paradise chapter for publication, and Shirley D. Runge Gordon I thank her for sharing her safe haven with me in the summer, answering my every question, and for giving of her time for the reading over of multiple drafts of each chapter as well as the versions of those chapters for conference presentations I blame her, especially, for drawing me away from the nineteenth century and into my now beloved eighteenth century British literature PAGE 5 i Table of Contents Abstract iv Preface v i Introduction 1 The Temporal Home 6 The Social Home 7 The Personal Home 8 The Physical Home 12 The Texts 1 5 Notes 22 Chapter 1 Remodeling the Fragmented Estate: Women Writing of Home in Gendered Spaces Nicole Spottke ABSTRACT Coffins, Closets, Kitchens, and Convents uses anthropologist Liz Kenyons categories of home Gaston Bachelards theories on the importance of imagination and metaphor in home building, as well as literary criticism sociology, and feminist theory to examine values of home in various literary works of the eighteenth and twentieth centuries This dissertations focus on the struggles within traditional home spheres highlights the female characters need of a protected space Yet these characters realize they must allow for connections with various individuals to bring about such a safe space. Through the creative act of writing Mary Leapors Mira in the poem, Crumble Hall, Samuel Richardsons title character in Clarissa, and Toni Morrisons Claudia MacTeer in The Bluest Eye and the convent women in Paradise, each oppressed within the home sphere, gain full access to all that the idealized home entails in constructing their individual homes ; they rewrite space into a home of their own The chapters herein are organized from lower class to higher class female characters beginning in the eighteenth century with Leapors servant narrator and moving up to Richardsons higher class character followed by Morrisons twentieth century PAGE 9 v impoverished youth in The Bluest Eye and variety of women both impoverished and well off residing together in a convent in Paradise PAGE 10 vi Preface A colleague once said, I didnt choose my topic; my topic chose me. A lot of us scholars, especially women scholars who are moved by and moved to write about what we read, find truth in her words. My topic is a white house with black shutters. A peach tree in the front yard; a pear tree in the back both cut down by my father when the squirrels were winning the war of the fruit. We lived there, my older

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sister, younger brother, mom and dad, the dog that wandered in through the back yard gate, a guinea pig, cat, various fish. We lived there in the house at the top of the hill, at the top of Independence Avenue. The house alone, however, did not make home; neither did just my family, but rather, the house, the family, community, and my neighborhood they all created for me a sense of home. Growing up there was much like Toni Morrisons description of her home, the place on which she modeled her first writing, *The Bluest Eye*: I felt a very strong sense of place, not in terms of the country or the state, but in terms of the details, the feelings, the mood of the community, of the town qtd in Taylor Guthrie. Like Morrison, I did not know much about the world around me, about my country. Although independence is an inherent part of what makes us these United States, I knew little about what the word Independence meant, aside from the word printed on green street signs at both ends of the hill. Yet, the people around me were a microcosm of the world and country or, at least, the best our world and country can be. The older folks who lived up PAGE 11 vii and down the street: Thobin calling her cat every evening at dusk; The Morses and their granddaughter, my first friend; Mr. Duncanson passing his beautiful roses over the fence, careful of the thorns; The Deckers who drove my mother to the Ca tskills to pick up my fathers car, abandoned when he had his heart attack; and the younger couple, the Lays, who moved in a few years after my family, with their son, Graham, just my brothers size. We formed a neighborhood watch before the term was in vented. When a peeping Tom was violating Mrs. Clemmers privacy, we were there to call the police, to identify the criminal. When my dad died, they were all there with food and comfort, and a snow blower to clean out the driveway. These people were my world, my country; their influences made me who I am today; their love and support enabled me to discover what indepen dence really meant, what it would become to my life. Like many of the characters I meet in the fiction that I read, I learned to create my own space in the world not just a geographical space, but a mental space. I created my space through my creative and educational endeavors. The walls of my space were widened and strengthened with every neighbor that showed for a school play, concert, or talent show, for my induction into the Arts Honors Society. My earliest memory, in fact, is a combination of my love f or literature and my love of home. I was sitting in the front yard, sitting Indian style under the peach tree the peach tree still alive, preserved in this memory saved from my fathers chainsaw. I am there in my knitted poncho, the blue one with the pom poms draped down in the front, with a book in my lap, and I am PAGE 12 viii reading. It was on this day that I met Heidi, my first friend, as she and her grandmother were taking a walk together. They invited me into their home, a home that would become a second hom e to me for the next ten or more years of my life. Heidi and Aunt Annies granddaughter, Heather, joined me as I embarked in a life of literary creativity and performance art. Each summer, the neighbors gathered into my backyard to witness our most recent creative endeavor. I co wrote the scripts of plays that were acted out by Heidi, Heather, and me, by my brother and sister, the neighborhood kids. A brown wool blanket, pinned up to the posts of the back porch, acted as a makeshift curtain. On folding chai rs and picnic table benches in rows on the back lawn, the neighbors gathered, browsing through the programs I had made with the help of my costars, each program made by hand as the scribes used to do before the time of the printing press or the home comput er and printer. Like Esp e ranza in Sandra Cisneros *House on Mango Street*, I am who I am through experiences such as these, a childhood rich with combinations of literature, home, community, and friendship. I am strong and independent because of the help, encouragement, love, and friendship of my family and my community on Independence Avenue. This was my neighborhood; this was my family; this was my home. I grew into it and through it from age five until twenty five. I was torn away from my home when my f ather died and mom had to sell the house. It was then that I moved out on my own and proceeded through various short stays in non home conditions: Through the years I discovered that I wanted, indeed, I needed a neighborhood that would protect and support me, a family in a house where I felt comfort, safety, security, and love, a home like the one on Indep endence Avenue. Thus, home became the topic that chose me; from having a home to losing a home, I explored various definitions of home and what it means to have a true sense of place. Home became my scholarly obsession. I assigned writing exercises to my high school and college students, Look at yourself in

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fifteen years; how do you envision your home? Using all of your senses, describe your home in detail. In most everything I read I saw my obsession played out by various characters: Samuel Richardsons title character in *Clarissa* who ran away from home and learned to build her own non traditional home; the poet and servant, Mary Leapor, who found home through writing; Morrisons Claudia MacTeer narrating her home and Pecola Breedlove finding home solely in her mind in *The Bluest Eye* ; and the Convent women in Toni Morrisons *Paradise* struggling to make community in an untrusting society. These were the female characters who, like me, were either fighting to make or fighting to keep a home. They are a part of me, a part of the home I continuously try to create for myself. We share a common need for the comfort, safety, security, privacy, ownership, and love of not just a house, but a home. Home may be where the heart is or liver or lung, where one hangs her hat or beret or bonnet, but there is much in life that deprives one of a place where her heart can rest or her hat can hang without fear of theft. Each of the authors presented herein know this fact, perhaps intimately. In these characters and their homes we see how difficult it is to PAGE 14 x build and maintain a sense of place, a home, in different times in various cultures in many societies and under varying conditions. The swirl of these obstacles that women and girls struggle through make up the heart of my work. Perhaps in knowing these characters then, in being allowed to travel with them through time, experience, environment, and struggle, I will, once again and finally, uncover home. PAGE 15 1 Introduction Whether called domestic sphere, utopia, felicitous space, or home, the physical and metaphorical space in which people dwell has occupied a position of importance in Western literature and thought spanning centuries. The Oxford English Dictionary lists the earliest uses of the word home in the tenth century as a collection of dwellings def. America and increasingly elsewhere [frequently] used to designate a private house or residence merely as a building def. Over time, however, the word has evolved. No longer merely the physical structure within which one lives, home has come to be, since the 16th century, a more abstract, metaphoric term: Furthermore, within the 20th century the idea of home has taken up new importance among scholars in history Aris ; Ranum , literary criticism Wall; How: Western society is largely responsible for the shift of the domestic sphere as less a physical location and more an ideology based on feelings and emotions a mental space PAGE 16 2 of comfort, pride, and community, a haven. Historian Philippe Ariès suggests that the Renaissance marks the beginning of psychological changes in house dwelling as homeowners moved to increase privacy therein: Private stairways, halls, corridors, and vestibules were provided to allow rooms to be entered without the need to pass through other rooms 7. Home was transforming into an emotional center, a place of privacy and refuge, to which people fled in order to escape the scrutiny of outsiders Ariès 8. Furthermore, room sizes were reduced and residents began to spend more time in smaller spaces such as annexes, offices, and alcoves. Literary critic Cynthia Wall notes the development of the closet during the Restoration Period as a significant mark of this move toward smaller spaces: Daily life was increasingly lived in the smaller rooms of the houses Narratives of Private Space In the Victorian Era, the desire for privacy in the home heightened as Victorians dreamed of possessing the ideal home, one that offered the kind of private life that individuals hope to achieve Hepworth Victorians ideal home was about maintaining appearances. They wanted the ideal home to be one that symbolized their success in both the public and private spheres and showed the public that the owners were normal and respectable Hepworth 17 In the late twentieth century, feminists began to challenge concepts of the ideal home and the romanticizing of space Within home spaces the male heads of household felt the romantic ideal, a space of pride, privacy, and a haven from a difficult world. In the same house, however, women often experienced oppression as slaves of other peoples needs Chapman, *Youve Got Him* Reagon saw a space that excludes as useful for providing a nurturing space to decide who you really are Rich adds that in such a place we can draw breath, rest from persecution or harassment, feel compassion and love around us rather than hostility or indifference [as with] a battered womans shelter, the door opened to us when we need a refuge However, Rich cautions against using any space like an armored and concluded mind where the beleaguered Stranger [is barred from entering] the walled and guarded crime proof condominium. Such a space ceases to be a home, becoming instead a dead end in the mind and in the mapping of a life or a



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collective vision. Historically, the concept of the ideal home has been solely for the middle to upper class family. Yet the ideal was experienced differently by the various residents of the household. Upon returning from traveling or a day at work, the male homeowners experience the comfort of a clean and well maintained home space, the ideal. On the other hand, the female family members and the laboring classes did not feel sheltered from work. Indeed, it was their often physically and emotionally painful work that created and maintained this spiritual shelter for the male homeowner. Furthermore, this work has never been regarded as valuable labor, leaving these individuals not just without a sense of home but also without a sense of pride and accomplishment in their work. Dislodged from feeling a sense of home, these individuals engage in metaphorical home building. Writing space, what James How terms epistolary space becomes for them, an alternate home space. PAGE 18 4 Various fictional works from the 18th century to today represent the oppression within the home space as well as the work that goes into maintaining the home space, both of which lead the central female characters to experience metaphorical and sometimes physical homelessness. This homelessness motivates the female characters to construct an alternative, a non traditional home space. This dissertation focuses on the various ruling class societal values that leave Mary Leapor's Mira, Richardson's Clarissa, and Toni Morrison's Pecola, Claudia, and the convent women homeless. I argue how these female characters find a voice and learn to express their wants and desires in the creative imaginings of writing, moving beyond their oppression and building a home of their own. French philosopher Gaston Bachelard writes of home in his work *The Poetics of Space*. His philosophies provide concepts of home which I use to analyze fictional representations of home and homelessness experienced by female characters. In his work, Bachelard explores the connection between the human mind and the house as a product of the mind, stressing the role of metaphor in communicating the home experience. He purposefully ignores hostile space, focusing his attention on felicitous space and images that attract. Above all, Bachelard notes the significance the imagination plays in transforming an inside space into a place that offers an immediate well being, intimacy within a place we call home.

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## 7: Jazz by Toni Morrison

*ABSTRACT: Coffins, Closets, Kitchens, and Convents uses anthropologist Liz Kenyon's categories of home, Gaston Bachelard's theories on the importance of imagination and metaphor in home building, as well as literary criticism, sociology, and feminist theory to examine values of "home" in various literary works of the eighteenth and twentieth.*

Housden, a thirty-three year-old, was arrested for delivery of drugs to her unborn child and possession of cocaine after she allegedly went to the Brewster Hospital suffering from an overdose. Still pregnant, Housden was put in jail until she was appointed court counsel. Scot Stuart, defense attorney, Pine Street, W. Diane Pfannenstiel, a twenty-nine year-old white woman who was pregnant, entered a hospital for treatment for injuries inflicted by her abusive husband and was tested for alcohol, arrested, jailed, and charged with criminal child abuse for endangering her fetus. Pfannenstiel, the mother of two children, had been married three years to a man who abused her before she finally walked out in January. Pfannenstiel was arrested while she waited in the hospital emergency room. On February 1, , the court found no probable cause to continue the case. Mary Elizabeth Galvan, attorney for the defendant, Over thirty-five years ago, in the context of an infanticide case, a Wyoming woman was charged with endangering the life of her fetus under the state child abuse statute. The Wyoming Supreme Court found that the statute was not intended to apply to prenatal conduct and dismissed the charges. State Supreme Court Decisions 1. State of Wyoming v. Appellate Court Decisions 1. Superior Court, 75 Cal. Luster A92A and Luster v. A92A04 15, slip op. Trial Court Decisions 1. M San Diego Mun. February 26, finding criminal child support statute that explicitly covered "a child conceived but not yet born" was not intended to impose additional legal duties on pregnant women no appeal taken. JU Ohio C. The Trial Court did not dismiss the child abuse and possession charges , appeal docketed, No. Smith, No CR, slip op. October 9, dismissing misdemeanor child abuse charges against a woman who allegedly used cocaine during her pregnancy finding that its application to these facts would extend the statute by means of creative construction to encompass acts not intended by the General Assembly no appeal taken. January 28, dismissing endangering welfare of child charges against woman who allegedly smoked cocaine during her pregnancy because legislature has excluded unborn children from the statute, and finding that interpreting "child" to include a fetus would deny defendant her constitutional right to due process. American Academy of Pediatrics- "The public must be assured of nonpunitive access to comprehensive health care which will meet the needs of the substance-abusing pregnant woman and her child. American Nurses Association - "ANA opposes any legislation that focuses on the criminal punishment of the mothers of drug-exposed infants. ANA recognizes alcohol and other drug problems as treatable illnesses. The threat of criminal prosecutions is counterproductive in that it prevents many women from seeking prenatal care and treatment for their alcohol and other drug problems. American Public Health Association - "The APHA believes that no punitive action should be taken against pregnant users of illicit drugs when no other illegal acts, including drug-related offenses, have been committed. American Society of Addiction Medicine Inc. Criminal prosecution of chemically dependent women will have an overall result of deterring such women from seeking both prenatal care and chemical dependency treatment, thereby increasing rather than preventing, harm to children and society as a whole. Center for the Future of Children - "A woman who uses illegal drugs during pregnancy should not be subject to special criminal prosecution on the basis of allegations that her illegal drug use harms the fetus. Nor should states adopt special civil commitment provisions for pregnant women who use drugs. Women should not be singled out for punitive measures based solely on their use of alcohol and other drugs during pregnancy. National Association for Perinatal Addiction Research and Education - Criminalization of prenatal drug use "will deter women who use drugs during pregnancy from seeking the prenatal care which is important for the delivery of a healthy baby The prospect of criminal prosecutions.. But, they need help, not threats, to overcome their problems. The key to intervention will be access to health care for high risk women, not the threat of criminal prosecution. National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators - "If a

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jurisdiction elects to mandate drug testing of pregnant women, such testing must be universal i. Test results should be used only to identify families in need of treatment and make referrals. Positive test results should not be used for punitive action. The Child Welfare Response January National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - "[A] punitive approach is fundamentally unfair to women suffering from addictive diseases and serves to drive them away from seeking both prenatal care and treatment for their alcoholism and other drug addictions. It thus works against the best interests of infants and children Moreover, there is increasing evidence of disparities regarding the screening and reporting of positive toxicologies of newborns, with women of color, poor women and women receiving care in public hospitals having the greatest likelihood of being subject to drug testing and subsequent reporting to legal authorities. Southern Legislative Summit on Healthy Infants and Families - "States should adopt, as preferred methods, prevention, intervention, and treatment alternatives rather than punitive actions to ameliorate the problems related to perinatal exposure to drugs and alcohol. Substance Abuse October ,

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*Deadly Women is an American television series that first aired in on the Discovery Channel, focusing on female killers. It was originally a mini-series consisting of three episodes: "Obsession," "Greed" and "Revenge". After a three-year hiatus, the show resumed production in and began airing on the Investigation Discovery channel as a regularly scheduled series. The series is produced in Australia by Beyond International.*

Bill Moyers looks at the role of television advertising in presidential campaigns. Alerts viewers to the dangers to our freedom. Explains which tools should be used for different pruning jobs. Techniques for thinning out, heading back, branch removal, and restoring neglected or badly pruned plants are discussed. Examines the effects of pruning on the health and appearance of landscape plants. Examines the life cycle of a tree and discusses how pruning contributes to the health and beauty of a tree from being newly planted to maturity. Combines on-the-street interviews, animation, and the commentary of national authorities on AIDS education to explore some common questions about AIDS and to motivate people to protect themselves from infection with the AIDS virus. Examining artwork created from the period after World War II, this program chronicles the emergence of abstraction as a dominant artistic style. Shows the devastation caused by acid rain through scenes of the Black Forest, fish-less and frog-less lakes in the Adirondacks, and dissolving stone figures on the facade of Cologne Cathedral. Demonstrates some of the proven training methods used to acquire and refine the basic skills of performance. It shows students how to develop parts, both improvised and scripted. A number of new parents speak of their initial problems in caring for their babies. Follows one couple during the first 10 weeks of parenthood, showing how they adjust to changes their first child makes in their lives. Agamemnon returns home after a year absence at the Trojan War. His queen, Clytemnestra, welcomes him, but Cassandra foretells his murder. This is the origin of the blood feud. Actors and chorus wear masks throughout. Discusses the AIDS epidemic and features a question-and-answer session. Explores the implications and origins of AIDS. In this documentary, you will meet people who have been diagnosed with AIDS and given a death sentence, but are alive and well today. They took their lives into their own hands and sought out alternative therapies, such as hyperthermia, vitamin C drips, Chinese herbs, and acupuncture. They turned to a non-toxic lifestyle that includes maximal nutrition, organic foods, and stress reduction techniques such as yoga, meditation and tai chi. These true stories of personal empowerment are inspiring as well as informative and dare tell the truth about the politics behind the AIDS crisis. An interdisciplinary report on alcoholism, focusing on a scientific understanding of the disease. This play takes place in France and Italy. Helena, the beautiful orphaned daughter of a physician, loves Bertram, a nobleman. In Paris, Helena cures the French king of an illness and wins Bertram as her husband in reward. But Bertram considers Helena beneath him socially and deserts her immediately after the wedding. He tells her in a letter that she can never call him husband unless she gets a ring from his finger and becomes pregnant by him. Helena fulfills both conditions. One night, unknown to Bertram, she takes the place of a girl for whom her husband has a foolish passion. Faced with the prospect of working to pay for a mule he has accidentally killed, a teenage farm worker, armed with vague notions of manhood, escapes from the farm. A Phil Donahue show Its ravages are illustrated by an attorney-couple; she is now reduced to childish helplessness, he patiently indulges her. Medical and social experts provide information and advice on what can be done by and for patients and their families. Film version of the stage play centered around the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the jealousy-ridden court composer, Antonio Salieri. Winner of 8 Academy Awards, including best picture and actor. Explains that regional character evolved as Puritans, Pilgrims, and Quakers struggled with the rocky North while a landed gentry prospered in the highly productive feudal South. Traces the tradition of turning to arms in the face of trouble, from Concord Bridge and the antique long rifles, to the modern National Rifle Association. Discusses early American inventors whose newly discovered methods and resources were exploited by the Rockefellers, Carnegies, and other industrialists for business purposes. Uses old photographs

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of the poor immigrants in contrast with oil portraits of tycoons who became rich at their expense. Bill Moyers examines the history of the automobile and the ways it changed American society. His story begins with Henry Ford and production innovations that made the automobile available to ordinary Americans and concludes with the oil crisis of the s. As the distant Parliament began to levy taxes on the burgeoning Colonies, the cause of independence gained strength, and devotion to the Crown dwindled. The spiraling tensions festered in The first shot of the American Revolution was fired on April 19, with the dramatic outbreak of war at Lexington and Concord. As war raged across the American wilderness, Benjamin Franklin struggled to gain recognition for the infant nation. His dramatic mission before the French court is highlighted. But the new international support was overshadowed by the long winter at Valley Forge, where the Prussian General Baron Von Steuben relentlessly drilled the Colonial Army. From Valley Forge, Washington led his newly trained army into battle against the British at Monmouth. The mutiny at Morristown is also examined. As the conflict moved north, the Americans perfected a new style of fighting: The American generals beat the British back from all but two ports in the South. On October 19, , he surrendered to Washington, and the Revolutionary War ended. But the struggle to form a new nation had just begun. The Treaty of Paris secured American independence. At the Constitutional Convention, Madison and others struggled to put into words the framework for a new form of government. The film ends with a look at what happened to some of the heroes of the War of Independence in the years that followed. Narrated by Robert Hughes. Jefferson and the other Founding Fathers feel that classicism lends the young nation power and authority. From heroic statues of George Washington to the architecture of Washington, D. In the West, Spanish missions use art to convert the natives to Catholicism. And in Virginia, an exiled aristocracy recreates its ideal of England. Early portraits of these settlers ask us to consider the emergence of this new person, this American. Landscape painting holds deep religious and patriotic connotations; soon, the belief in Manifest Destiny is embodied in art. In their work he finds the conflicting impulses to worship the land and to conquer it, to create a myth of the West just as the frontier itself is closing. Together with a new breed of distinctly American artists like Thomas Eakins and Winslow Homer, they mirror widely different experiences of the American Dream. Their tenements are documented by photographer Jacob Riis and the socially conscious Ashcan School. Some celebrate the industrial sublime. Yet nature is the inspiration that leads Frank Lloyd Wright to develop an organic architecture at the heart of modern design. Which is the real modern America--the isolation painted by Edward Hopper, or the jazzy vitality captured by Stuart Davis? Hughes considers the impact of Hiroshima on art, traces the development of abstract expressionism and the life of Jackson Pollack, and explores how artists as different as James Rosenquist, Claes Oldenburg, Joseph Cornell, Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns reacted to the new consumer culture. We end with the nation on the eve of divisive conflicts, as media images begin to overwhelm anything created by artists. He ends the series by profiling a wide range of contemporary artists. Using a diversity of mediums and approaches, Richard Serra, Susan Rothenberg, James Turrell and others continue to capture uniquely American visions. Shows how many different kinds of animals, both predators and their intended victims, use remarkable forms of deception to achieve their goal of eating or avoiding being eaten. Antony lives in Roman-conquered Egypt, where he has taken the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra, as his mistress. Political problems in Rome and the death of his wife force Antony to leave his life of pleasure and return home. But Antony soon returns to Cleopatra and Octavius then prepares for war against him. Antony decides unwisely to fight Octavius at sea. Cleopatra deceives him into thinking that she is dead, and Antony stabs himself. But before he dies, he learns that Cleopatra is still alive. Antony then returns to her and dies in her arms. Cleopatra dresses herself in her royal robes, presses a poisonous snake to her breast, and dies of its bite. Bill Moyers analyzes the development and consequences of three deadly weapons--the machine gun, the submarine and the airplane. He examines how these technological advances, each touted as the ultimate deterrent to war, foreshadowed the "total war" concept of today. The origins of the Book of Kells are uncertain; it was written and illustrated around the year , but the monastery where it originated has not been identified. It contains the Latin text of the four Gospels, with some pages in elaborate color; almost every page

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has brightly-colored birds and animals, and there are portraits of the four evangelists. The program not only shows but also identifies the faces and figures and explains the flamboyant decoration and often witty symbolism. Accompanied by Touchstone the court jester, the two girls take refuge in the Forest of Arden. He leads a band of merry outlaws. Rosalind, disguised as a young shepherd named Ganymede, meets Orlando in the forest. Not recognizing the disguised girl, Orlando agrees to pretend that Ganymede is Rosalind so he can practice his declarations of love. Rosalind finally reveals her identity and marries Orlando. Touchstone marries Audrey, and Silvius marries Phebe. With these Neolithic cultivators came the mounted nomads and the roots of warfare. The lifestyle of the Bakhtiari tribe of central Iran serves as an example of how nomads lived and waged war during the Neolithic age. Traces the origins of the scientific revolution through the conflict between fact and religious dogma, culminating in the trial of Galileo. Presents the gallery of stock commedia characters focusing on the Maschere, the mask characters.

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changed her original name to Toni, for reasons never fully disclosed. By then, it was evident that Morrison was headed for a career teaching literature at the college level. She returned to Howard after two years and remained there as an instructor between 1955 and 1957. Among the students she taught there were three who would go on to take prominent roles in the civil rights and Black Power movements—Andrew Young, Claude Brown, and Stokely Carmichael. Morrison was married during this period to a Jamaican-born architect, Harold Morrison. The couple had two sons, divorcing in 1961 while Morrison was pregnant with the second child. She went back briefly to Lorain to live with her family before relocating to Syracuse, New York, where she took a job as a textbook editor for a division of Random House. It was an important role that she assumed in this job: In 1962, Morrison was promoted to senior editor, and she moved to New York to take the position. It was during this difficult time of overwork and isolation that Morrison joined a fiction and poetry writing group and began writing during the infrequent parts of the day when she was not working and when her children were sleeping. The story she was working on became her first novel, *The Bluest Eye*, but it took years to get the attention required to become a publishable work. The manuscript was turned down by several publishers before Holt, Rinehart, and Winston published it in 1967 with the title of *The Bluest Eye*. Although the novel was not a commercial success, its appearance marked the beginning of the career Toni Morrison could from then on never imagine herself not pursuing. Achievements, accolades, and opportunities began to escalate for Toni Morrison after the publication of *Sula* in 1967. Finally financially independent, Morrison was able to purchase a home on the Hudson River in New York. In 1970, Morrison was appointed to the National Council on the Arts by President Jimmy Carter, and a year later she was doubly honored with membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a cover story in *Newsweek* magazine. Later that year, Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and one year later, in 1975, she became the first African-American woman to hold an endowed university chair when she was appointed the Robert E. Woodruff Chair in Literature at Princeton. While at Princeton, she established the Atelier program, which brought to the university artists of all kinds to work directly with students on their projects and productions. It was also during this time that her sixth novel, *Jazz*, was released and, most notably, she became the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize in literature. Since receiving the award in 1993, she has produced three novels, *Paradise*, *Love*, and *A Mercy*. Ralph Ellison had earlier made a major statement asserting the right of the novelist to be or not to be explicitly political while at the same time acknowledging that the novelist will inescapably be political if writing about people and their circumstances. The important point was to make clear that imaginative fictional writing at its best was always about something beside or beyond politics. Morrison concurred with this view. In any of a dozen interviews see *Conversations with Toni Morrison*, Taylor-Guthrie, 1998, she stated her intention to write in the storytelling tradition of her African forebears who passed on the legends, achievements, and wisdom of one generation to the next. Morrison has engaged in many high-profile political issues. In 1987, she tapped her interest in theater to write a play called *Dreaming Emmett*, about the shocking and unsolved murder of Emmett Till, and then produced it onstage in Albany, New York. As a sign of her engagement with the Black Power movement, she edited and published the writings of Huey P. Newton, titled *To Die for the People: The Writings of Huey P. Newton*. Two years after the controversial *O. Gaze, Script, and Spectacle in the O. Gaze*. Less known about Morrison is her musical ability; in this area, too, she has used her talent to tell important stories with profound political consequences. She based her novel *Beloved* on the story of Margaret Garner, the historical figure who escaped from slavery in Kentucky and fled to Ohio with her two children, where, when recaptured, she attempted to kill both and succeeded with one rather than see them returned to slavery. It was first performed in Detroit, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia in 1988, and in September it was the season opener for the New York City Opera. They never knew from one day to the next about anything, but they. You have not bought *Blondine*. You have not hailed the hot-comb recently. You never worshipped Marilyn Monroe. You have not wanted to be white. The natural respect of *Self and Seal! Your hair is Celebration in the world!* The effort to establish unfettered voting rights for black people in the United States did not begin with full resolve until the late 1950s when voter registration drives were organized by black and white citizens, mainly students, many from the



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North, who traveled in groups 15 to targeted sites in the southern states. The s began with an escalation of these efforts, which merged with the antiwar and antiestablishment movements. These initiatives were at first predominantly nonviolent but, because of backlash and frustration, became, in a few instances, increasingly militant and overtly angry. This was the decade in which Toni Morrison was beginning to focus on her writing, publishing *The Bluest Eye* in 1943. In addition to the aforementioned developments of this period, which form the political and social background for reading *The Bluest Eye*, were the efforts by the freedom riders to challenge segregation laws in the Deep South ; the civil rights march on Washington, D. Kennedy ; and the murders of two prominent leaders of the black separatist movement by the FBI. Feminists staged consciousness-raising protests, the first rape crisis center was established in Berkeley, California, and black women writers began writing about rape and incest from the period of slavery to the present. In an interview with Kathy Neustadt, Morrison said "nobody was going to tell me that it had been that easy. That all I needed was a slogan: Being a little Black girl in this country—it was rough. The psychological tricks you have to play in order to get through—and nobody said how it felt to be that. Originally published in the *Bryn Mawr Alumnae Bulletin* of Spring and quoted in *African American Literature and the Classicist Tradition*, As a writer, Toni Morrison has been open and generous in sharing what her intentions are for writing as she does and in providing insight about what she hopes the effect will be on readers. It began as a short story based on a conversation Morrison had had with a friend during her childhood. Both little girls were discussing the existence of God; Morrison believed, her little friend did not. I looked at her and imagined her having them [blue eyes] and thought how awful that would be if she had gotten her prayer answered. I always thought she was beautiful. Conversations with Toni Morrison, 1995–1996 Morrison was also forthcoming about her personal motivations for writing. Writing, however, was to come slowly. Feeling isolated while raising two sons on her own, Morrison joined a writing group and had to produce something to offer the class. Being a mother and holding a full-time job left almost no time to write; nonetheless, while she was working for Random House between 1943 and 1945, she found time to develop her short story into a publishable novel. According to research done by Nancy J. Peterson in *Toni Morrison: Critical and Theoretical Approaches*, five years passed before a 18 serious, scholarly treatment of the novel appeared.

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