

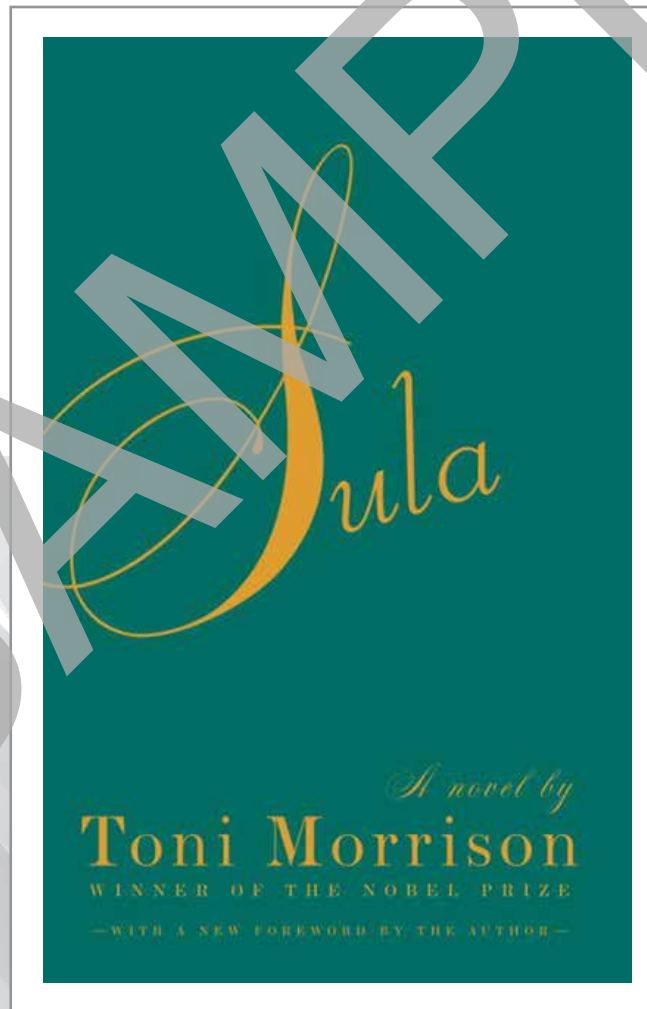


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**GRADES 9-12**

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Toni Morrison



**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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**NOTE:**

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### Anticipation Guide

**Directions:** Rate each of the following statements before you read the novel and discuss your ratings with a partner. After you have completed the novel, rate and discuss the statements again.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
strongly agree strongly disagree

	Before	After
1. Family plays a big role in shaping a person's identity.	_____	_____
2. Society plays a big role in shaping a person's identity.	_____	_____
3. A person is free to shape his/her own identity.	_____	_____
4. A strong friendship can withstand anything.	_____	_____
5. A true friend is selfless.	_____	_____
6. Good friends who grow up together can be very similar.	_____	_____
7. Everyone needs a best friend growing up.	_____	_____
8. How someone visibly reacts to tragedy clearly indicates the sort of person s/he is.	_____	_____
9. In the early 1900s, it would be nearly impossible for African-American women to survive alone.	_____	_____
10. In the early 1900s, African-American men and women found themselves at the same economic disadvantage.	_____	_____

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## 1940–1965

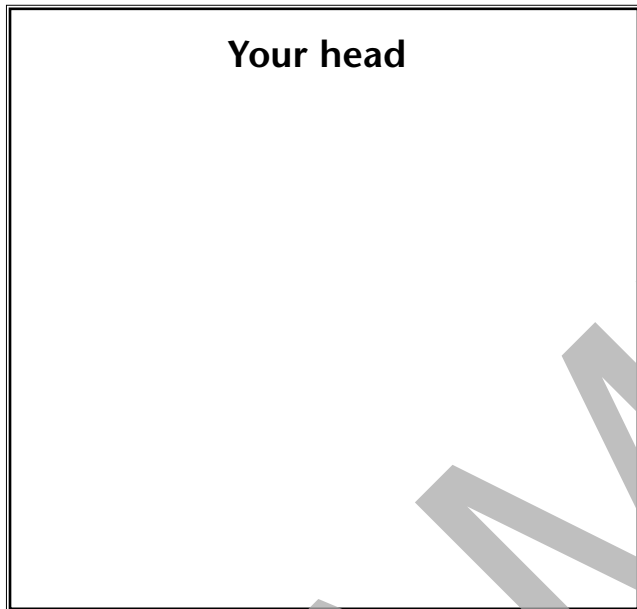
1. Why does Nel finally visit Sula in 1940?
2. How has Nel changed by the time she is 30 years old?
- \*3. Do you think Nel and Sula's conversation is significant? Why or why not?
4. What does Sula dream about after Nel leaves?
- \*5. What do you think this dream signifies?
6. Why does Sula smile after she dies? With whom does she want to share her knowledge of death?
7. How do the townspeople react to Sula's death?
8. What do the townspeople think Sula's death signifies?
9. What actually happens to the town after Sula dies?
10. Why had Shadrack told young Sula "always" when she'd approached him after Chicken Little's death?
11. Why are the townspeople upset about the progress at the tunnel?
12. What happens when Shadrack initiates National Suicide Day the first January after Sula's death?
13. What does Nel notice about the Bottom in 1965?
14. Whom does Nel go to visit?
15. What does this visit help Nel realize?

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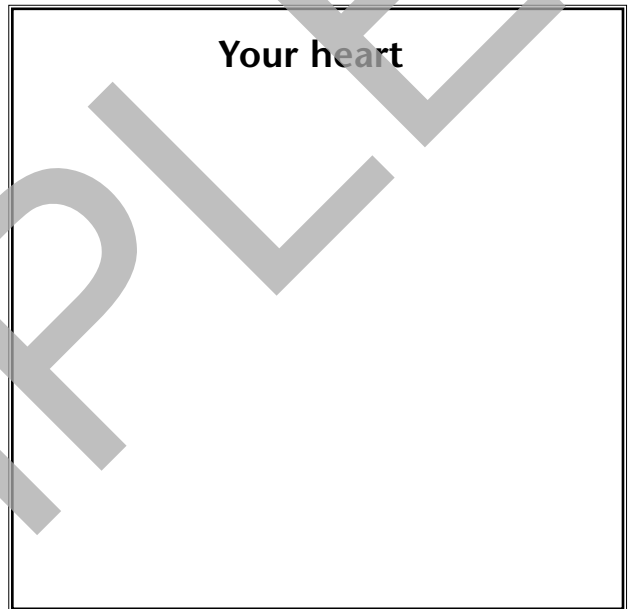
### Effects of Reading

**Directions:** When reading, each part of a book may affect you in a different way. Think about how parts of the novel affected you in different ways. Did some parts make you laugh? cry? want to do something to help someone? Below, list one part of the book that touched each of the following parts of the body: your head (made you think), your heart (made you feel), your funny bone (made you laugh), or your feet (spurred you to action).

**Your head**



**Your heart**



**Your funny bone**



**Your feet**

