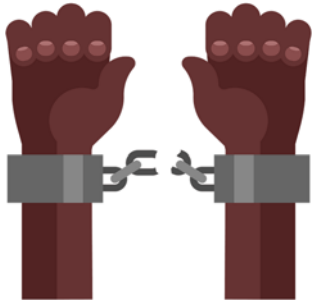


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History in Beloved

Instructions: History and fiction work together in *Beloved*. Toni Morrison draws on real events like slavery, the Fugitive Slave Act, and Reconstruction to ground the story in historical reality. Your task is to:

- Choose **a topic**: The Fugitive Slave Act (1850) or Reconstruction (1865-1877)
- Answer the research questions below.

If you choose the Fugitive Slave Act:

1. What was the Fugitive Slave Act, and why was it controversial?
2. How did it affect enslaved people who escaped to free states?
3. How did communities (Black and white) respond to the law?

If you choose Reconstruction:

1. What were the main goals of Reconstruction?
2. What challenges did freed African Americans face during this period?
3. How did Reconstruction shape ideas of freedom, citizenship, and community?

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