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Tracing Trauma in *Beloved*



Instructions: In *Beloved*, Toni Morrison shows how slavery's trauma does not end with those who endured it, but continues to shape the lives of children and communities. Your task is to prepare an outline for an essay on **how trauma is passed through generations** in the novel. Follow each step below to organize your notes.

Link Causes to Themes (Fill in the Chart)

Cause of Trauma	How It Affects the Next Generation	Theme Shown

Thesis Statement: Slavery's trauma in *Beloved* is passed through generations by _____, which shows Morrison's theme of _____.

→ Write a draft below, making sure to add your conclusion in the end. It should answer the question: "How does Morrison suggest healing or resistance against generational trauma?"
