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Untangling Beloved's Story Answer Key

Correct Chronological Order:

1. B. Schoolteacher arrives at Sweet Home and changes the conditions of slavery.
2. I. Halle sees Sethe being assaulted with milk stolen from her body.
3. E. Sethe escapes from Sweet Home and makes her way to Baby Suggs's house.
4. G. Denver is born along the river with help from Amy Denver.
5. F. Sethe kills her infant daughter to prevent her from being taken back into slavery.
6. C. Baby Suggs begins preaching in the Clearing after her freedom is purchased.
7. A. Paul D arrives at 124 Bluestone Road and reconnects with Sethe.
8. H. Beloved first appears at 124 Bluestone Road.
9. J. The community helps Denver after she asks for support.
10. D. Beloved disappears after a final confrontation with the community's women.

Sample Reflection (for teachers):

Morrison's non-linear storytelling mirrors the fractured memory of trauma, forcing the reader to piece together the past the way the characters must. This deepens empathy and makes the final understanding of events more powerful.