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## Mothers of Beloved Answer Key

Category	Sethe	Both	Baby Suggs
<b>Approach to Protection</b>	Protects fiercely, even to the extreme (kills infant to save her from slavery).	Both show deep commitment to safeguarding loved ones.	Protects through nurture, encouragement, and creating safe spaces like the Clearing.
<b>Response to Trauma</b>	Internalizes trauma; guilt dominates her life; focuses on her children as her reason to endure.	Both shaped profoundly by slavery's violence.	Channels trauma into spiritual leadership and teaching self-love.
<b>Relationship with Children/Community</b>	Withdrawn and isolated at 124; tied most strongly to her children.	Both serve as maternal figures to others beyond their immediate children.	Becomes a mother to the community, leading gatherings of healing and affirmation.
<b>View of Freedom &amp; Love</b>	Freedom means keeping her children safe at any cost, even death.	Both see freedom as connected to love and protection.	Freedom means joy, dignity, and teaching others to embrace love.
<b>Legacy as a Mother Figure</b>	Remembered for her tragic act of protection, and her haunted devotion to Beloved.	Both leave lasting impressions of maternal strength under slavery.	Remembered as a source of wisdom, resilience, and healing for the community.