

1. Morrison changed her first name because
 - a. her college friends mispronounced her name.
 - b. she was embarrassed by her African-American heritage.
 - c. she got married.
 - d. she wanted a name that she thought sounded more like an author. _____

2. The primary cause of three of Morrison's books becoming popular again 25 years after she wrote them was
 - a. no one else has captured the emotion of the African-American culture.
 - b. winning the Nobel Prize made them popular again.
 - c. Oprah Winfrey endorsed them.
 - d. they were re-published with new illustrations. _____

3. According to the passage, what was the effect of the legacy given to Morrison by her parents?
 - a. She became determined even as a child never to be poor again.
 - b. She gained a life-long friendship with Oprah Winfrey.
 - c. She made sure her own children knew how to read before they entered first grade.
 - d. She gained a life-long love for books and sensitivity to her heritage that became the basis of her fame and finest achievements.

Thinking about the cornerstones of character - respect, responsibility, honesty, effort, kindness and trustworthiness: Could Toni Morrison be a role model for any of these traits of good character? Which one(s)? What are some examples that support your statement? What is a good definition or slogan for the character trait you selected?

Character Connections Character trait I believe Toni Morrison demonstrates

_____.

Supporting Details/Evidence of this trait - what are the causes of your opinion:

By thinking about the evidence, I can conclude that a good definition or slogan for this trait would be: _____

Toni Morrison believes she was lucky to grow up hearing stories about her ancestors and people of her racial background. The respect she gained for her family and her heritage made her strong and proud. Ask your parents about your ancestors and encourage them to tell you some stories about your background. Learn a story about someone in your family that causes you to respect that person.

