

SEA Common Reading Initiative 2023 – Toni Morrison, *A Mercy*

Put students in groups and assign each group a different passage from *A Mercy*. Give them time to discuss and then present their answers to the following questions:

1. How would you restate this passage in your own words?
2. Which sentence do you think is the most beautiful, and why?
3. Which sentence do you think is most important, and why?
4. What is the most important word in that sentence, and why?
5. Come up with a question about this passage that you pose to the rest of the class. Each group leads a brief discussion.