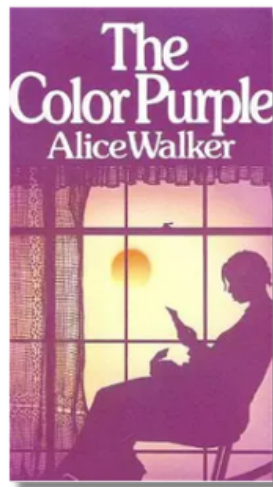


THE COLOR PURPLE

Alice Walker



RESOURCE GUIDE

Reading + Writing + Analysis

NO PREP

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HIGH SCHOOL ELA

About the Text

The Color Purple by Alice Walker is a novel told through letters that follows Celie as she navigates identity, relationships, and personal growth. The story explores themes of resilience, voice, and transformation as Celie learns to define herself in a world that has tried to silence her.

Key Themes

- Identity
- Voice and self-expression
- Power and control
- Growth and transformation

Before You Read

How does finding your voice change the way you see yourself and the world?

What does it mean to grow beyond your circumstances?

Section Breakdown

SECTION 1: Beginning (Letters 1–20)

Focus: Introduction + Voice + Power

- Celie's early life and circumstances
- Establishment of tone and perspective
- Power dynamics in relationships
- Introduction to key characters

SECTION 2: Development (Letters 21–40)

Focus: Relationships + Shifting Perspective

- Changes in Celie's relationships
- Influence of other characters
- Growing awareness and questioning
- Development of internal conflict

SECTION 3: Turning Point (Letters 41–60)

Focus: Identity + Growth

- Key turning points in Celie's journey
- Strength and independence begin to develop
- Changes in communication and voice
- Deeper exploration of themes

SECTION 4: Resolution (Letters 61–End)

Focus: Transformation + Independence

- Celie's growth and self-understanding
- Resolution of major conflicts
- Redefining power and identity
- Reflection on the overall message

Comprehension Questions:

SECTION 1

1. Who is Celie and what is her situation at the beginning of the novel?
2. Why does Celie write letters, and what purpose do they serve?
3. How are power and control shown in her early experiences?
4. What relationships are introduced?
5. What tone is established in this section?

Quick Discussion

Time to Reflect

How does Celie's voice reflect her understanding of herself at this point?

Comprehension Questions

SECTION 2

1. How do Celie's relationships begin to change?

2. What new perspectives are introduced?

3. How does Celie begin to question her circumstances?

4. What role do other characters play in her development?

5. What conflicts become more visible?

Quick Discussion

Time to Reflect

How do relationships influence personal growth?

Comprehension Questions

SECTION 3

1. What major turning points occur in this section?
2. How does Celie's sense of identity begin to shift?
3. What role does communication play in the story?
4. How do characters respond to change?
5. What themes become more developed?

Quick Discussion

Time to Reflect

What does this section reveal about strength and resilience?

Comprehension Questions

SECTION 4

1. How is Celie different by the end of the novel?

2. What relationships have changed the most?

3. How are power and independence redefined?

4. What message does the novel leave the reader with?

5. How does the structure of letters impact the ending?

Quick Discussion

Time to Reflect

*Does Celie's journey feel complete?
Why or why not?*

Extension Activity

Choose one activity to complete.



Write a letter from Celie at a different point in her life



Create a visual timeline of her growth



Rewrite a key moment from another character's perspective

Writing Prompts

Choose one activity to complete.



How does Celie's voice change throughout the novel?



What role do relationships play in shaping identity?

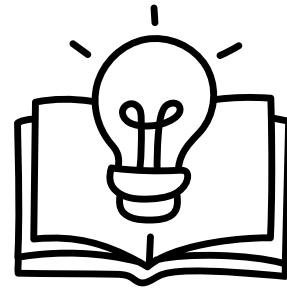


How does the novel redefine power and independence?

Understanding the Big Ideas

This story explores:

- **Identity**
- **Voice**
- **Power**
- **Transformation**



Which idea is the most important in Celie's journey? Explain your thinking.

Final Project

Choose one:

- **Write a literary analysis essay**
- **Create a presentation on character development**
- **Design a project that represents transformation in the novel .**

Character Notes