

GUIDED READING

A Place Called Mississippi

Chapter 15: Mississippi's Literary Tradition

Section 1 Mississippi Writers

Directions: Use the information from pages 402 - 413 to complete the following.

1. Mississippi's most _____ and widely acclaimed _____ are William Faulkner, Richard Wright, Eudora Welty, and Tennessee Williams.
2. Most of Faulkner's _____ and _____ take place in his fictional Yoknapatawpha County.
3. Faulkner's novels include _____ and _____, human dignity and _____ (corruption), the dissolution of families, class distinction and racial _____, love, hate, jealousy, and violence.
4. William _____ won a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1949.
5. The _____ in _____ is a prestigious award made by the Swedish Academy to a literary figure anywhere in the world.
6. He also won a Pulitzer Prize in _____ in 1955.
7. The _____ is awarded to _____ in categories relating to newspaper journalism, arts, and letters and fiction.
8. Considered by some literary critics as America's _____ writer, Richard _____ was born a child of sharecroppers.

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9. The basic theme in Wright's early novels is the _____ struggle to _____ in a _____ man's _____.
10. Mississippi's distinguished _____ of letters is Eudora _____.
11. Welty received a _____ Prize in 1973.
12. One of America's most successful _____ was _____.
13. A central theme in many of William's plays is the _____ and _____ of mankind and the certainty of _____ (pay back) for those weaknesses.
14. Williams won both the New York _____ Critics' Circle _____ and the Pulitzer Prize for two of his plays.

Using the information found on pages 406 - 413 find the appropriate words for the following:

15. _____ (a period of prolific writing, art, and music by African Americans in New York City in the 1920s and 1930s)
16. _____ (the life story of a person written by himself or herself)
17. _____ (the sudden appearance of numerous southern writers in the 1920s and 1930s)

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Section 2 Journalists and Historians

Directions: Use the information from pages 414 - 419 to complete the following.

1. In addition Mississippi's tradition of _____, the state has also produced many noteworthy _____ and _____.
2. Since Andrew Marschalk brought the first _____ to Mississippi in 1798 and edited several newspapers during the territorial period, _____ had been a _____ in Mississippi society and politics.
3. Mississippi's most _____ journalist was Turner _____, the _____ of *The New York Times*.
4. Lerone _____, Jr., one of Mississippi's most prominent _____ writers is best known as an editor of _____ magazine.
5. Hodding _____ II was an influential _____ who frequently _____ Mississippi's long tradition of _____.
6. For his [Carter] _____ condemning the _____ of the _____, Carter was _____ the Pulitzer Prize for _____ in 1946.

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7. One of America's most _____ African American _____ is William _____. He spent most of his career as a _____ with *The Washington Post*.
8. A _____ is a person who writes a _____ feature of opinion, commentary, or information — called a column — on a regular basis.
9. Raspberry _____ the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary.
10. In 1967, Charles _____ began his career in journalism at The University of Mississippi as _____ of the *Daily Mississippian*.
11. After serving briefly as _____ (a person in charge of press relations for a prominent public figure) for Senator John C. Stennis, Overby worked at several southern newspapers.
12. One of _____ most widely _____ journalists was Craig Claiborne, the _____ of *The New York Times*.
13. Because Mississippians are so preoccupied with the _____, it is only natural that the state would produce many prominent _____.
14. The Mississippi's Writers Page refers to John _____ as "an international phenomenon" and identifies him as "one of the world's _____."
15. Mississippi's most recent recipient of the _____ is _____ Natasha _____.