



Use your library's resources to find answers to the questions below about women writers and poets and their well-known works, which continue to shape the history of literature today.

- 1 This author is known for her works on women and their relationships and her focus on power, injustice, and poverty. Her memoir, "Brother, I'm Dying" was a 2007 finalist for the National Book Award. She is a 2009 MacArthur fellow, and she won the 2019 St. Louis Literary Award. Who is she?
  - A. Gillian Flynn
  - B. Amy Tan
  - C. Edwidge Danticat
  - D. Sarah Waters
  
- 2 This author made history as the first African American recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993. She also famously said, "If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it." Who is she?
  - A. Zadie Adeline Smith
  - B. Alice Walker
  - C. Zora Neale Hurston
  - D. Toni Morrison
  
- 3 The Tale of Genji is considered the world's first novel, written in Japanese between the years 1000 and 1012. The author was a poet and lady-in-waiting at the Imperial court of the Heian period. Who was she?
  - A. Fumiko Enchi
  - B. Murasaki Shikibu
  - C. Yuko Tsushima
  - D. Sawako Ariyoshi

- 4 Born in 1954 in Illinois, Sandra Cisneros is known for writing about Mexican American life. Her works explore gender, race and class, and in 2016, she received the National Medal of Arts. She is best known as the author of which novel?
- A. Little Men
  - B. This Bridge Called My Back
  - C. Like Water for Chocolate
  - D. The House on Mango Street
- 5 Maya Angelou was born in 1928 in Missouri. With "Georgia, Georgia," she became the first African American woman to have a screenplay made into a movie. She is well known as the author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" about her turbulent childhood. In addition to 50 honorary degrees and three Grammy awards, what other awards and honors has she received?
- A. The Pulitzer Prize
  - B. The Nobel Peace Prize
  - C. The Presidential Medal of Freedom
  - D. An Oscar
- 6 Louisa May Alcott was born in 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania but spent most of her life in Concord and Boston, Massachusetts. Her most famous novel about the four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, has been adapted into four films and countless adaptations for television. What is the name of that novel?
- A. The Handmaid's Tale
  - B. Jayne Eyre
  - C. Little Women
  - D. Mrs. Dalloway
- 7 Willa Cather was born in 1873 in Virginia but grew up in Nebraska. She was raised in a community with immigrants from all over including Germany, Sweden and Russia. Her writing was influenced by the pioneers she grew up with and in 1922, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her novel about the pioneer spirit. What was the name of that novel?
- A. One of Ours
  - B. The Age of Innocence
  - C. Middlemarch
  - D. A Room of One's Own