**“Nobel Banquet Speech, 1993”**

**by Toni Morrison**

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1. **Clarify – Re-read liens 1 – 12. What phrases help you understand the “debt” Morrison feels to previous Nobel laureates?**

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1. **Identify – Underline the word that indicates that two ideas are being contrasted in lines 20 – 22.**

I will leave this hall, however, with a new and much more delightful haunting that the one I felt upon entering: that is the company of Laureates yet to come.

 **What two ideas are being contrasted?**

1. **Identify – What transition word is used in line 24? What type of transition is this?**
2. **Word Study – The prefix *pre-* means “before.” How would you define the word *predecessors*?**

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**A: Reading Comprehension** Answer each question below.

1. When was Toni Morrison awarded the Nobel Prize in literature? When was this prize first awarded?
2. To whom does Morrison feel she is indebted?
3. What did Morrison do with her friend’s congratulatory message?
4. When Morrison leaves the hall, whom does she expect to think about?
5. What does Morrison ask her audience to share with her?