

APPENDICES

Summary of The Color Purple

The Color Purple is a novel about an Afro-American woman named Celie. When Celie was 14 years old, she was raped by her stepfather, named Fonso. Celie has two children from her stepfather, but he sold them. Her stepfather also gives her away to be married to a man that is only described as Mr._____.

Celie also has a sister named Nettie. Mr._____ is interested in Nettie, but Nettie always ignores him. It makes Mr._____ upset and he kicks her out of his house, but Nettie promises that she will always write letters to Celie. Celie always waits for the letters, but they never come to her, because Mr._____ hides the letters and he never lets anyone open the mail box.

One day Shug Avery comes to Mr._____’s house. Shug is very sick and Celie helps her come back to good health. Celie and Shug are always together, and this makes Celie fall in love with Shug. Other reason for this is Shug always treats Celie in a good way, while Mr._____ always beats her. One day, Shug finds Nettie’s letter when she receives letters from the postman. Shug gives the letter to Celie. It really

makes Celie happy, because now Celie knows that Nettie is not dead, but that Mr._____ has hidden the letters.

Her anger has make Celie make a decision that she must leave Mr._____ and go with Shug to Memphis. In Memphis, Celie starts a business sewing pants. She becomes a successful woman, while Mr._____’s life becomes messy.

One day Celie gets news that her stepfather dies and he has given the land and the house to Celie and her sister. Now Celie could come back to her house. Celie also forgives Mr._____ and they become friends. Mr._____ has learned about life and love after Celie leaves him. One day Celie gets another letter from Nettie, who says that she will return from Africa with Celie’s children. Finally Celie could converge with her family, and this really makes her happy.

Biography of Alice Walker

Alice Walker was born on February 9, 1944 in Eatonton Georgia. She was the youngest children of Minnie Tallulah Grant Walker and Willie Lee Walker. In 1968, Alice's first book of poem titled Once came out and in 1970 Alice published her first novel after her daughter's birth.

Alice Walker uses rape, violence, isolation, troubled relationships, multi-generational perspective, sexism and racism as themes in her books. The Color Purple was published in 1982. This book made her a famous writer, but her book is not only brought fame but also controversy. Alice was criticized for her negative portrayal of men in The Color Purple.

In 1989 and 1992, Alice Walker published Temple of My Familiar and Possessing the Secret of Joy. In these, Walker is using the issue of female circumcision in Africa, which also brought controversy.

Alice Walker was famous as the writer about the African American woman's life. Her works give a big effect to women's life. Her works also show the difference and the similarities of women's condition today and in the past.

Alice Walker is inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Zora Neale Hurston, and her mother. Walker uses her talent to affect all people. Her books also give a realization that it is possible to change and that we can make a difference.