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Total Duration : 2 Hrs 30 Mins.

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3. Comment on the significance of Laura's Glass animals especially the symbolic Unicorn.
4. Describe the relationship between Darl and Jewel in "As I Lay Dying".
5. How is Sethe considered a tragic heroine in "Beloved".
6. Comment on the quest undertaken by a young urban indigenous woman in Sherman Alexie's 'The Search Engine'.
7. Explain how Rachel Carson's 'A Fable for Tomorrow' forewarns people of the effects of chemical pollution.
8. Discuss how Nathaniel Hawthorne proves absolute perfection is impossible in "The Birth Mark".

Section B

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10. Comment on the dehumanizing effect of slavery as portrayed in "Beloved" by Toni Morrison.
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