“Recitatif,” “Gorilla, My Love,” “The Story of an Hour”

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Toni Morrison

- Wrote “Recitatif”
- Born in 1931 in Ohio
- Worked as a professor and an editor before publishing her novels
- Won Nobel Prize for literature in 1993 (first African American author to win)
School busing protests in the 1970s
Toni Cade Bambara

• 1939-1995
• “Gorilla, My Love” published in 1971
• Born and lived in NYC and worked several jobs there while writing her short stories and novels
Kate Chopin

- 1850-1904
- “The Story of an Hour” published in *Vogue* magazine in 1894
- Born in St. Louis but moved to New Orleans with husband
- After husband’s death, returned to St. Louis to raise 6 children and began writing
Kate Chopin

- Published several stories in well-known national magazines. Many of her stories were for children.
- Her novel *The Awakening* was criticized for including too frank of a portrayal of a woman’s sexuality.