

# Character Development



The narrator — Celie — shows some major growth throughout the novel. She starts off as a quiet, meek, terrified girl and grows into a strong-willed, confident woman. Describe some of the major events and instances that cause her to change, and how they made her change. In the first column, write Celie’s initial thoughts and actions. In the second column, write the event that took place to alter her. In the third column, write her new thoughts and actions

INITIAL THOUGHTS & ACTIONS:	EVENT:	NEW THOUGHTS & ACTIONS

# Themes



Discuss the themes of the novel — in particular how they are manifested in the story and their applicability to society today.

**Social Prejudices**

**Female Relationships**

**Female Voice**

**Racism and Sexism**

**Gender Roles**

# Religion and Culture



In the novel, *The Color Purple*, religion plays a recurring and pivotal role in the society and culture of the American South. Complete the chart below highlighting how religion has directly affected outcomes of important events in the novel. In the first column, identify the major event. In the second column, describe how religion influences the people living in American culture regarding this event. In the third column, identify the outcome religion plays on the major event.

EVENT:	RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE:	OUTCOME: