

Gale Scavenger Hunt

Literature Resource Center: Alice Munro

1 What is Alice Munro considered to be by many Canadians? Where was Munro born and raised?

Answer: National Treasure. Wingham, Ontario.

Source: Munro, Alice, et al. "A National Treasure." *World Literature Criticism, Supplement 1-2: A Selection of Major Authors from Gale's Literary Criticism Series*, edited by Polly Vedder, vol. 2, Gale, 1997. *Literature Resource Center*.

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2 Where was the story "Day of the Butterfly" set? Who is the character Miss Darling, and how is she described in the Work overview?

Answer: Ontario, Canada. The 6th grade teacher. She is described as young and inexperienced.

Source: "Overview: 'Day of the Butterfly'." *Short Stories for Students*, edited by Sara Constantakis, vol. 28, Gale, 2010. *Literature Resource Center*.

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3 Including Alice Munro, how many women have won the Nobel Prize in Literature? What was Munro's response when asked "what it meant [to her] to win the Nobel Prize in Literature"?

Answer: 13. Munro said, "It just seems impossible. I can't describe it. It's more than I can say."

Source: "Canada's Alice Munro Awarded Nobel In Literature." *All Things Considered*, 10 Oct. 2013. *Literature Resource Center*.

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4 What is one of the things that interests Munro in writing?

Answer: In writing, it interests Munro that things keep changing.

Source: W. R. Martin, and Warren U. Ober. "Alice Munro as Small-Town Historian: 'Spaceships Have Landed.'" *Short Story Criticism*, edited by Lawrence J. Trudeau, vol. 208, Gale, 2015. *Literature Resource Center*.

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5 What does the word piquant mean?

Answer: Engagingly provocative, having a lively arch charm.

Source: Theiss, Nola. "Munro, Alice. Runaway: Stories." *Kliatt*, Mar. 2006, p. 33. *Literature Resource Center*.

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