

# LITERATURE

Read through the web site and complete the tasks below.

The Official Web Site of the Nobel Prize  
<http://www.nobelprize.org/>

1. Finish the sentences.

1. The Nobel Prize in Literature 2013 was awarded to Alice Munro “*master of* ..... “
2. The Nobel Prize in Literature 2012 was awarded to .....  
“*who with hallucinatory realism merges folk tales, history and the contemporary*”.
3. The Nobel Prize in Literature 1996 was awarded to Wisława Szymborska  
“*for* ..... ”

2. Listen to the telephone interview with **Alice Munro** following the announcement of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature and decide if the sentences are *true* or *false*.

1. *A. Munro heard the news that she had been awarded the prize from the press* ...
2. *She has written a great number of short stories.* ...
3. *She recommends the new readers to start with her first book.* ...
4. *A. Munro announced earlier this year that she was going to stop writing.* ...
5. *She is not going to change her mind.* ...

3. Search the site and answer the questions.

1. What is the first sentence in W. Szymborska’s Nobel Lecture?
2. What is the phrase that she highly values?
3. How many individuals have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature?
4. Who was the youngest Literature Laureate?
5. Watch the interview with the Permanent Secretary of the Swedish Academy Peter Englund about the Nobel Prize to Alice Munro. Where are most of her stories set?

#### 4. VOCABULARY: adjectives

*thought-provoking shocking tedious lightweight dull dreadful  
awful disturbing brilliant moving overrated gripping exciting*

1. exceptionally bad or displeasing
2. marked by unusual and impressive intelligence
3. causing distress or worry or anxiety
4. full of dread or horror, fearful
5. uninteresting, cheerless
6. stimulating interest
7. capable of arousing and holding the attention
8. having no importance or influence
9. capable of arousing deep emotion
10. valued too highly
11. giving offence to moral sensibility
12. tiresome from continuance
13. stimulating consideration

5. Have you read any of the books/ poems written by the laureates of the Nobel Prize? Which one/s? Did you enjoy them?

6.

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<[http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/literature/laureates/2013/munro-facts.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/2013/munro-facts.html)>

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