

Quick Check

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.		

- **1.** What was the system of safe houses for escaping slaves called?
 - (A) abolitionists
 - B warehouses
 - © Fugitive Slave Act
 - ① Underground Railroad
- 2. How was Harriet's life as a free woman different from her life as a slave?
 - A She had to work on a plantation.
 - B She was paid for her work.
 - © She was forced to do hard labor.
 - (D) All of the above
- **3.** How did Harriet Tubman come into slavery?
 - (A) She was born into it.
 - B She was brought into it from Africa.
 - © She was captured by slave owners.
 - ① None of the above

- **4.** Why did Harriet Tubman use her hard-earned money to help slaves escape?
 - (A) She wanted the slaves to help her work.
 - B She knew that owning human beings was unjust.
 - © She didn't want to put her money in a bank.
 - ① All of the above
- **5.** How did Harriet Tubman avoid being caught by slave owners even though there was a large reward for her?
 - (A) She was so clever about disguises.
 - B She knew how to trick people who were looking for her.
 - © She hired men to rip down wanted posters.
 - ① All of the above



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- 6. Why did Harriet Tubman want to move to the North?
 - (A) She wanted to be a nurse.
 - (B) She had relatives there.
 - (C) She would be free there.
 - All of the above
- What is an abolitionist?
 - (A) a person who was against slavery
 - (B) a person who escaped from slavery
 - (C) a person who tried to keep slavery going
 - (D) a person who went to Africa to capture slaves
- 8. Why did people working to free slaves use code words?
 - (A) to try to change the meaning of words
 - B to force people to listen carefully
 - (C) so the slaves could not understand what they said
 - (D) so others wouldn't know what they were talking about

- **How was Harriet Tubman** compared to Moses?
 - (A) She was a master of disguise.

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- (B) She helped her parents.
- (C) She led people to freedom.
- ① She lived to a very old age.
- 10. What is a plantation?
 - (A) a system of safe houses used by slaves to escape
 - (B) a school for children from wealthy families
 - (C) a solution to a very difficult problem
 - ① a large farm owned by a wealthy person where the work is done by others
- 11. Extended Response: What did Harriet Tubman do to prove her bravery and determination?
- 12. Extended Response: Why could Harriet Tubman be considered a hero?



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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

- **1.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- 2. B Compare and Contrast
- **3.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **4. (B)** Cause and Effect
- **5.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **6.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **7.** A Vocabulary
- **8.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **9.** © Compare and Contrast
- **10.** D Vocabulary
- 11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following: from an early age she tried to help slaves escape; she ran away even though her brothers gave up; she walked one hundred miles alone; she worked hard after she was freed; she ignored danger to herself to take other slaves from one safe house to another and had to be very clever to keep from being caught.
- 12. Answers will vary.