

NONFICTION: "A Child Slave in California" • SKILL: Reading Comprehension

"A Child Slave in California" Quiz

Directions: Read "A Child Slave in California." Then answer the multiple-choice questions below.

1. Which statement is probably NOT one of the reasons the author wrote the article?

- (A) to raise awareness about modern-day slavery
- (B) to tell readers the incredible story of a former child slave
- (C) to compare and contrast American and Egyptian cultures
- (D) to provide readers with details about slavery in human history

2. On page 12, Kevin Bales says, "Slavery is like someone is mugging you and stealing your life."

This statement contains

- (A) a metaphor.
- (B) personification.
- (C) symbolism.
- (D) a simile.

3. You can infer that Heba "stammered" because

- (A) she didn't want to get Shyima in trouble with law enforcement.
- (B) she couldn't remember Shyima's role in the house.
- (C) she had been instructed to lie and couldn't remember what she was supposed to say.
- (D) she was friends with Shyima.

4. Shyima could BEST be described as

- (A) resilient.
- (B) indifferent.
- (C) ruthless.
- (D) pessimistic.

5. Consider this sentence from the article:

"The Ibrahims' *opulent* house had a beautiful fountain with two angels spouting water."

What is a synonym for *opulent* as used in the sentence above?

- (A) remodeled
- (B) lavish
- (C) enormous
- (D) new

6. Chronologically, the events of which section occur last?

- (A) "Into the Darkness"
- (B) "Shaghala"
- (C) "Admit the Truth"
- (D) "Cut Off From Everyone"

7. The tone of the section "Who I Want to Be" is

- (A) triumphant.
- (B) vengeful.
- (C) uncertain.
- (D) bitter.

8. When Frederick Douglass wrote that "Gladness and joy, like the rainbow, defy the skill of pen or pencil," he meant that

- (A) it is impossible to draw a rainbow.
- (B) the feeling was so magnificent, it could not be expressed in words.
- (C) he didn't have enough pens or pencils to write down everything he wanted to say.
- (D) he doubted his abilities as a writer.

Directions: Write your answers on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

9. What was your opinion of Shyima's parents at the beginning of the article? Did the section "Cut Off From Everyone" change your opinion? Explain. Use details from the article to support your ideas.

10. What are the literal and figurative meanings of the subheading "Into the Darkness"? Use text evidence in your response.