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A Picture of Freedom; the Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl

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| _____ Clotee | A. the wife of the plantation owner |
| _____ Mas' Henley | B. overseer of the plantation |
| _____ Aunt Tee | C. main character and narrator |
| _____ Spicy | D. field boss, husband of Aggie |
| _____ Miz Lilly | E. first slave and cook for the Big House |
| _____ Missy | F. tutor |
| _____ Wook | G. son of Plantation owner |
| _____ Rufus | H. new girl slave in the Big House |
| _____ Hince | I. Clotee's friend |
| _____ Uncle Heb | J. caretaker of racing horses |
| _____ Mr. Harms | K. plantation owner |
| _____ William | L. daughter of Aggie and Rufus |
| _____ Waith | M. cares for the grounds |

1. Describe the setting of the book, A Picture of Freedom; the Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl.

2. Clotee has been fanning young Mas' William and Miz Lilly when it was hot for three years now. Why doesn't Clotee mind this tedious job?

3. Clotee made a diary from papers that she found in the trash. Why is she afraid that someone will find it?

4. Clotee says that Mas' Henley thinks he owns everything including Clotee. Clotee says that he doesn't own all of her. What does she mean by this?

5. Mas' Henley visited service and told the slaves what to pray for. What was it and what did Clotee think about his request?

6. Aunt Tee warns Clotee, "Make sure you don't give Spicy no bones to take to the Big House." What does this mean and why is Aunt Tee concerned?

7. Why does Miz Lilly count the cans of preserves and dried vegetables?

8. 20 Men stopped by Belmont looking for a northern
"abo_____ something." Mas' Henley seems very concerned.
Why?

9. Whenever anyone raises their hand, Spicy covers her head.
Why?

10. Spicy says, "Color of yo' skin doesn't matter when you're a
slave." What determines whether or not you are a slave?

11. What does "jump the broom" mean?

12. Clotee knows very little about the abolstines, but she knows one thing and that is good enough for her. What does she know?

13. Why does Mas' Henley only trust Aunt Tee to cook for him?

14. When Wook jumped the broom with Lee, Mas' Henley attended the party for a short time to say a few words about having lots of babies. Was Mas' Henley bestowing kind wishes on them?

15. What are some things that Clotee is learning while fanning William? Tell at what age you learned these things.

16. Where did Rufus and Aggie have their baby? Who does this new baby really belong to?

17. Did Wook want to get married? Why did she?

18. Clotee tells Spicy about her mother. Why is she not at the plantation with Clotee?

19. Most people like holidays. Why does Clotee hate holidays?

20. How does Clotee envision the Underground Railroad? Is she correct?

21. Clotte gets slapped by Miz Lilly? Why? What does Aunt Tee say about hitting a missus or a mas'er?

22. Uncle Heb was killed from a beating he received from Mas' Henley. Why was he beaten?

23. Who took care of Uncle Heb's funeral arrangements?

24. Mas' Henley moves Aunt Tee from the kitchen. Why does he say that he cannot trust her to cook for him anymore?

25. Why does Mr. Harms come to the plantation?

26. Missy picks on Clotee because she thinks that she is cute-talking all proper-like. Is Clotee talking different? If she is, why is she?

27. Just like Miz Lilly, Missy begins to be nice to Clotee? Why?

28. Clotee writes several words that she learns and draws pictures to represent them like f-l-o-w-e-r. She writes f-r-e-e-d-o-m and is unable to draw a picture. Why?

29. Spicy shares a secret with Clotee. What is it and why do you think that she waits so long to share it with her?

30. Clotee has been suspicious that Mr. Harms is more than a tutor. She is finally convinced that she is correct. What causes her to believe that she is right?

31. Predict why Mr. Harms is at the plantation to tutor and care for William?

32. What does Clotee finally share with Spicy and Aunt Tee?

33. Clotee thinks that Mr. Harms is a good thing. Why is he telling Miz Lilly about the bible that he found, stating that, "Slaves steal so badly."

34. Clotee knew that when the plantation bell rang something bad was sure to happen. What was it this time?

35. Clotee finally sees the one-eyed man that she heard Mas' Henley talk about and he is secretly meeting with Mr. Harms. What does this say about why Mr. Harms is at the plantation? Was your earlier prediction (#31) correct?

36. After Aggie, Rufus, Wook, and baby Noah runaway, Mas' Henley promises anyone who knows anything about how they were able to get away their freedom. Clotee will not tell on Mr. Harms and the one-eyed man that she suspects helped Wook, Rufus and Noah escape. Judging from her character, why does she not turn them in for her own freedom?

37. Mr. Harms finally speaks to Clotee. What does he clear-up for her regarding the Underground Railroad and what is his job?

38. Mr. Harms leaves a copy of "The Liberator" for Clotee. What is it?

39. What are the "Big Times"? Why will many slaves be disappointed this year during this time period?

40. Although Clotee and the rest of the slaves who work in the Big House have to continue to work hard during Big Times, describe what happens during Big Times for the slaves.

41. Hince has to leave the plantation. Why?

42. What does Hince tell Mas' Henley so that he does not have to leave the plantation?

43. How do Clotee and Spicy save Mr. Harms? Include who else comes to Mr. Harm's aid?

44. How does Clotee help Spicy and Hince escape?

45. Mas' Henley makes Mr. Harms leave the plantation, but he returns and meets Clotee. Clotee asks Mr. Harms if she can go with him on the Underground Railroad to be an abolitionist. He says yes. Does Clotee go with Mr. Harms when he returns for her? Why or Why not?

46. What does Mr. Harms say about freedom?

47. How does Clotee handle Waith when it is time for a runaway?

48. Clotee writes the word f-r-e-e-d-o-m in her diary for the last time. She finally has an image for her word. What is it? Why do you think that she has chosen this image?
