

Black History

HARRIET JACOBS



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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Jacobs was born in Edenton, North Carolina, and was enslaved by various masters throughout her childhood. She began working as a domestic servant at the age of 11, and later became a nursemaid to the children of her owner. Despite being treated relatively well by her masters, Jacobs was determined to escape slavery and eventually succeeded in doing so in 1837.

After her escape, Jacobs went into hiding, and spent nearly a decade living in various safe houses in the North. During this time, she was able to see her children and family members who were still enslaved, and she became deeply involved in the abolitionist movement. She eventually decided to write her autobiography, "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" which was published in 1861 under the pseudonym "Linda Brent."

Jacobs' book was one of the first slave narratives written by a woman, and it provided a unique perspective on the experiences of enslaved women. It detailed the sexual abuse and exploitation that Jacobs and many other enslaved women faced, as well as the struggles they faced to protect their children from the same fate. The book was widely read and inspired many other abolitionists.

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After the Civil War, Jacobs continued to work as an abolitionist and advocate for the rights of African Americans. She also helped to establish schools and other institutions to support newly freed slaves. She died in 1897, but her legacy as an abolitionist and writer continues to be celebrated today.

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4. Under what pseudonym was Harriet Jacobs' autobiography published?
- Harriet Smith
 - Linda Brent
 - Emily Turner
 - Sarah Johnson

5. When did Harriet Jacobs pass away?
- 1865
 - 1878
 - 1897
 - 1902

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6. At what age did Harriet Jacobs begin working as a domestic servant?
- 10
 - 11
 - 18
 - 21
7. What unique perspective did Harriet Jacobs provide in her autobiography?
- The experiences of enslaved men
 - The struggles of enslaved families

EXTENSION QUESTIONS

DATE: _____

1. Write the correct answer.

Jacobs born?

Jacobs best known for?
Her movements
s in the Life of a Slave Girl"
is for freed slaves
omen's suffrage

When did Harriet Jacobs born into slavery?

and family members who

an abolitionist cause?

ANSWERS

- When was Harriet Jacobs born?
- Answer: 1813
- What is Harriet Jacobs best known for?
- Answer: Writing "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl"
- In which state was Harriet Jacobs born?
- Answer: North Carolina
- Under what pseudonym was Harriet Jacobs' autobiography published?
- Answer: Linda Brent
- When did Harriet Jacobs pass away?
- Answer: 1897
- At what age did Harriet Jacobs begin working as a domestic servant?
- Answer: 11
- What unique perspective did Harriet Jacobs provide in her autobiography?
- Answer: d. The experiences of enslaved women
- When was Harriet Jacobs able to see her children and family members who were still enslaved?
- Answer: c. While living in various safe houses in the North
- What impact did Harriet Jacobs' book have on the abolitionist cause?
- Answer: b. It helped further the abolitionist cause in addition to being an abolitionist, what did Harriet Jacobs do?
- Answer: b. Established schools for freed slaves

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a. 1805
b. 1813
c. 1830
d. 1845
- What is Harriet Jacobs best known for?
a. Leading abolitionist movements
b. Writing "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl"
c. Establishing schools for freed slaves
d. Advocating for women's suffrage
- In which state was Harriet Jacobs born into slavery?
a. Virginia
b. North Carolina
c. Georgia
d. Maryland

4. 11

biography published?

perspective did Harriet Jacobs provide in her autobiography?
of enslaved families
of escaping slavery
of enslaved women

Harriet Jacobs able to see her children and family members who
and?

escape in 1842
publication of her autobiography
in various safe houses in the North
Civil War

What did Harriet Jacobs' book have on the abolitionist cause?
heavily criticized for inaccuracies.
significant impact.

Further the abolitionist cause.
her arrest and imprisonment.

In addition to being an abolitionist, what did Harriet Jacobs do after the Civil

War?
became a politician
established schools for freed slaves
pursued a career in medicine
wrote a series of novels

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GROUP ACTIVITY
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WHAT I THINK _____

ANNOTATING MARKS
✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases that make you think.
✓ Write an example of something like this.

SUMMARIZE
Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.
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MAIN IDEA _____
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