

⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

RCP #1

1. Which of these states an **OPINION** about Tice Davids?  
 A. He swam across the Ohio River.  
 B. His owner found a boat and set off after him.  
 C. He went off on an underground road.  
 D. His owner went home without finding him.
  
2. In the second paragraph, it says that **fugitive** slaves were called "passengers." Which of these is the best synonym for the adjective *fugitive*?  
 A. excited             E. worried             C. disobedient             D. fleeing
  
3. Why weren't runaway slaves completely safe when they reached the free states in the North?  
 A. There weren't any Underground Railroad stations in the North.  
 B. There were no swamps in which to hide.  
 C. Almost all northerners were in favor of slavery.  
 D. They could still be caught there by professional slave catchers.
  
4. In paragraph three, it says that escaping slaves needed to have **stamina**. Which of these word pairs are the best synonyms for *stamina*?  
 A. politeness and courtesy             B. kindness and thoughtfulness  
 C. strength and endurance             D. wisdom and knowledge
  
5. Why did most workers on the Underground Railroad operate in secrecy?  
 A. They were ashamed to admit that they were helping slaves escape.  
 B. They could be imprisoned or fined for what they were doing.  
 C. They didn't want to be rewarded for their efforts.  
 D. It made it more fun to act in secrecy.
  
6. In paragraph four, it says that stationmasters "often used **prearranged** signals." The word *prearranged* starts with the prefix *pre*. What is the meaning of this prefix?  
 A. not             B. before             C. after             D. many
  
7. About how many slaves did Harriet Tubman lead to freedom?  
 A. 300             B. 19             C. 13             D. 3,000
  
8. Which of these statements about the Underground Railroad is true?  
 A. Only white people acted as stationmasters and conductors.  
 B. Escaping slaves usually traveled during the day.  
 C. Levi Coffin was an important conductor who guided many slaves north.  
 D. The final destination for many runaway slaves was Canada.

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