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⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

1. What evidence is given in this biography that Isabella's second master treated her badly?
- A. He made her sleep in a damp cellar.
 - B. He made her do laundry at night.
 - C. He gave her a beating that left scars on her back.
 - D. He broke a promise that he had made to her.
2. Why did Isabella work hard for John Dumont?
- A. He treated her very kindly.
 - B. She liked to work in his fields.
 - C. He had threatened to beat her if she didn't work well.
 - D. She had been taught by her mother to be obedient.
3. In paragraph three, it says that Isabella was so **incensed** that she ran away from John Dumont's farm. Which of these is the best synonym for *incensed*?
- A. ashamed B. angry C. pleased D. excited
4. Isabella picked Sojourner as her first name because a sojourner is someone who
- A. had once been a slave.
 - B. is making a new beginning in his or her life.
 - C. travels to a place for a short time and then moves on.
 - D. is very strong and tall.
5. In paragraph five, it says that Sojourner was "never **intimidated** by troublemakers." Which of these is the best synonym for *intimidated*?
- A. frightened B. praised C. saddened D. confused
6. Why was Sojourner able to speak so convincingly about the cruelties of slavery?
- A. She had grown up in the South where slavery was permitted.
 - B. She had experienced these cruelties when she herself was a slave.
 - C. She met many slaves as she traveled around the country.
 - D. She had studied about slavery when she was in school.
7. Which of these did Sojourner use to help quiet hooters and hecklers?
- A. threats B. tears C. humor D. flattery
8. Which of these important events happened in 1863?
- A. Sojourner had a meeting with Abraham Lincoln in the White House.
 - B. Sojourner left New York City to spread God's word.
 - C. Sojourner died at the age of about 86.
 - D. Lincoln signed an executive order ending slavery in the rebel states of the South.

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