

Post-Visit Quiz

The Life and Times of Harriet Jacobs

1. Why did Harriet not use her real name or that of others in her narrative?
2. What does it mean for a book to be “Published for the Author”?
3. How does Dr. Norcom describe Harriet?
4. What does he say is her reason for running away, and where did he think she was hiding or living?
5. How much reward was offered for her capture and return?
6. Who created the reward poster? What attitude is demonstrated by the poster?
7. What was the Maritime Underground Railroad? How did Harriet use this as a means of escape?
8. Where did Harriet hide from Dr. Norcom while in Edenton? Describe her living conditions while hiding in her pursuit of freedom.
9. Who was Molly Horniblow? Why was she important to Harriet?
10. After escaping to the North, what kind of life did Harriet lead?
11. How did Harriet officially acquire freedom?
12. What was an abolitionist?
13. What was a fugitive slave?