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Close-Reading Questions

"Escape From Slavery"

1. What made trying to escape from slavery so dangerous? (key ideas and details)

2. Consider the quotation at the end of page 7 in which Tubman refers to her decision to run away. Put this quotation in your own words. (interpreting text)

3. According to the article, what kind of person was Harriet Tubman? Support your answer with text evidence. (character)

4. Why might the Underground Railroad have been given that name? Explain. (inference)

5. How can the map on page 8 help readers understand the article? (text feature)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

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1. To dehumanize someone is to take away his or her human qualities—to make that person feel or appear less than human. In what ways was slavery dehumanizing?
2. Tarshis explains that those who helped on the Underground Railroad were taking a great risk. Why do you think people were willing to take such a risk?
3. On page 9, Tarshis notes that in addition to being courageous, successful, and clever, Tubman could be harsh. Do you think leaders sometimes need to be harsh? Explain.