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"Escape From Slavery" Quiz

Directions: Read "Escape From Slavery." Then answer the questions below.

1. The purpose of the section "Slavery in America" is mainly to

- (A) compare slavery in the 17th century with slavery in the 19th century.
- (B) give powerful statistics about slavery in America.
- (C) provide additional information about Harriet Tubman's life as a young girl.
- (D) give an overview of how the practice of slavery came to America and expanded over the decades.

2. Information in the caption "Selling Human Beings" on page 6 would best fit into which section of the article?

- (A) "Risking Capture"
- (B) "Slavery in America"
- (C) the introduction
- (D) "Determined Liberator"

3. In the section "Risking Capture," author Lauren Tarshis's tone as she writes about Tubman could be described as

- (A) uncertain.
- (B) mournful.
- (C) admiring.
- (D) heartbroken.

4. Which line from page 8 most clearly shows the author using the tone you identified in question 3?

- (A) "It took about a week for Tubman to travel the 120 miles to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."
- (B) "In Philadelphia, Tubman quickly found a job at a hotel. . ."
- (C) "Tubman wasn't happy in her new life though."
- (D) "It was extraordinary for someone who had escaped slavery to return to the land where they had been enslaved. . ."

5. As it is used in the last paragraph of the article, *tenacious* most closely means

- (A) physically strong.
- (B) famous.
- (C) very determined.
- (D) kind.

6. Which detail would be most important to include in a summary of the article?

- (A) Harriet Tubman was an important figure of the Underground Railroad.
- (B) Harriet Tubman had a powerful memory.
- (C) The first slave ship arrived at the shores of what would become the U.S. in 1619.
- (D) In 1850, the United States was made up of states and territories.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

7. How does the story on page 9 of Harriet Tubman pulling out her pistol help show that she was tough and determined?

8. What obstacles did slaves face when attempting to flee?