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Finding Text Evidence

Directions: Read “Escape from Slavery,” then complete the activity below.

1. Choose the TWO pieces of text evidence from “Escape From Slavery” that best support the statement below.

STATEMENT:

Slavery was cruel and inhumane.

- Ⓐ “Edward Brodess owned many slaves—too many to keep busy on his own property.” (p. 7)
 - Ⓑ “Tubman carried scars from these beatings for the rest of her life.” (p. 7)
 - Ⓒ “Plantation owners relied on slaves for cheap labor.” (p. 7)
 - Ⓓ “Slaves labored from sunup to sundown planting and harvesting wheat, tobacco, cotton, and other crops. . . . Even young children were put to work.” (p. 7)
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2. Choose the ONE piece of text evidence that best supports the statement below. Then complete the sentence to explain your choice.

STATEMENT:

People who worked in the Underground Railroad were brave.

- Ⓐ “Hundreds of people were part of the Underground Railroad . . .” (p. 9)
- Ⓑ “Between her journeys, Tubman worked at hotels and restaurants, saving the money she would need to buy food and other supplies for her rescue missions.” (p. 8)
- Ⓒ “. . . by 1850, helping a runaway slave was against the law, even in free states. If you were caught, you would most certainly be fined and possibly sent to jail . . .” (p. 9)

I chose ___ because _____

3. Below are a statement and two pieces of supporting evidence. Find one more piece of supporting evidence from the article and write it on the lines below.

STATEMENT:

During Tubman’s time, many Americans believed that slavery was wrong.

- Ⓐ “Hundreds of people were part of the Underground Railroad, a diverse group that included wealthy white people, Christian ministers, farmers, free black people, and many others.” (p. 8)
- Ⓑ “At the time, many fugitive slaves took refuge in Philadelphia, where there was a strong abolitionist movement.” (p. 8)

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4. Read the lines below from the article. Then write a statement that they all support.

STATEMENT:

- Ⓐ “I had reasoned this out in my mind; there was one of two things I had a right to—liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other.” (p. 8)
- Ⓑ “Yet on that frigid night, the person leading this group was unafraid. Her name was Harriet Tubman, and she had made this journey many times before.” (p. 6)
- Ⓒ “It was extraordinary for someone who had escaped slavery to return to the land where they had been enslaved, to risk capture—or worse.” (p. 8)