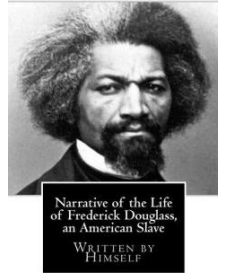
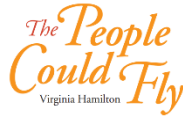


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**Directions: After reading the folktale “The People Could Fly” by Virginia Hamilton, answer multiple choice questions 1 through 9.**

**You will use the COVER, SEARCH, COMPARE MULTIPLE CHOICE STRATEGY!**

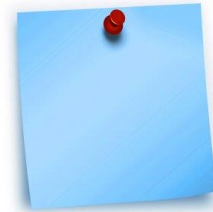
**1.** Why is this story considered a folktale?

- A.** It is a highly exaggerated story.
- B.** It is the life story of Sarah and Tony.
- C.** It is written by slaves as they were taken into slavery.
- D.** It is a story told around the tradition of the American Black culture.



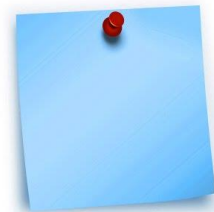
**2.** Which detail tells the reader that Sarah is weary?

- A.** Sarah flew over the fences.
- B.** Sarah hoed and chopped the row.
- C.** Sarah couldn't stand up straight any longer.
- D.** The driver's whip snarled around Sarah's leg.



**3.** In paragraph six, the author uses the following the figurative language "Say he [Master] was a hard lump of clay. A hard, glinty coal." to suggest what about the Master?

- A.** The Master felt pity for the slaves.
- B.** The Master felt kindness for the slaves.
- C.** The Master felt sympathy for the slaves.
- D.** The Master felt no kindness or pity for the slaves.



4. Read the following sentences from the passage.

*"That babe started up bawling too loud. Sarah couldn't stop to feed it. Couldn't stop to soothe and quiet it down. She let it cry. She didn't want to. She had no heart to croon to it."*

What does the author mean by saying, "She had no heart to croon to it"?

- A. She was too exhausted to care for the child.
- B. She did not love the child.
- C. She did not have the courage to sing to or comfort the child.
- D. She believed that the Overseer would take care of the child.

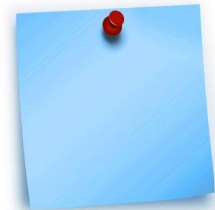


5. Read the following sentences.

*"And the old man, old Toby, flew behind them, takin' care of them. He wasn't cryin'. He wasn't laughin'. He was the seer."*

Based on this description, which of the words below best describes Toby?

- A. Unconcerned
- B. Sarcastic
- C. Satisfied
- D. Watchful



6. The author repeatedly refers to the slaves as what?

- A. Laborers
- B. A hard rock pile
- C. Birds
- D. Belongings



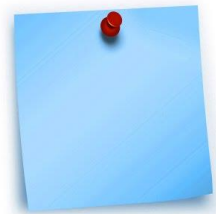
**7.** Why did the slaves fall down in the fields where they worked?

- A.** The slaves did not want to work.
- B.** It was very hot in the fields.
- C.** The slaves wanted to be paid for their work.
- D.** The slaves had been beaten so bad they could not stand.



**8.** Who is the narrator of this story?

- A.** A slave who observed the scene being described in the field
- B.** The Overseer
- C.** One of the slaves who could not fly but witnessed them flying away
- D.** An individual who was not present at the time the action occurred but heard it retold afterward



**9.** What was likely the purpose of creating this folktale?

- A.** For slaves to retell to remind one another to never give up hope and to continue dreaming and fighting for freedom.
- B.** To let Toby and Sarah's families know what happened to them.
- C.** To inform the public about the injustices of slavery and persuade them to assist in the freeing of slaves.
- D.** To explain how slaves were finally freed from bondage.

