

Overall Assessment Answer Sheet

1. What statement best describes the slave drivers' mindset?

Answer: *c. They had their own interests that were different from the Master's or the other slaves.*

2. Which of these social, legal and economic conditions created an environment conducive to free black kidnapping in the 19th century?

Answer: *e. All of the above*

3. By faking whippings of other slaves, what did Northup hope to accomplish?

Answer: *e. All of the above*

4. Northup stated in his narrative: "I dared not show any lenity ... by refusing to perform the office." Under what condition did he dare not show lenience in whipping other slaves?

Answer: *b. When the slave master was close enough to see the slave being whipped*

5. Why were free black children especially targeted by kidnappers?

Answer: *e. All of the above*

6. What is Northup referring to in this quote: "I learned to handle the whip with marvelous dexterity and precision, throwing the lash within a hair's breadth of the back, the ear, the nose, without, however, touching either of them."

Answer: *c. How he became so skilled at whipping that he could simulate or "fake" the act so it looked at a distance like he was actually whipping the slave*

7. Which of the following experiences was extremely rare for an African Americans to experience in the antebellum period?

Answer: *b. Publishing a "slave narrative" about one's life in slavery and freedom*

8. Slave narratives had a propagandistic purpose: to convert the hearts and minds of readers to the anti-slavery cause. Research has proven them to be _____.

Answer: *b. Truthful*

9. Was Solomon Northup exceptional?

Answer: *e. All of the above*