

Uncle Tom's Cabin

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LEVEL 1



WORDS USED

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KEY WORDS

black
buy
Mr.
Mrs.
oh

cake
into
made
shoes
store

bear
faster
five
high
wagon

head
hello
let's
Miss
sang

doll
fit
four
painted
pony

NECESSARY WORDS

Bible
care
married
master
need
river
sell
slave
slavery
trader
trust

cabin
escape
God
husband
might
piece
pray
safe
wife

angry
cousin
feel
field
life
save
seen
young

believe
complain
easy
order
seems
teach
thankful
warm

cheeks
cough
die
free
heaven
love
strong
tired
worry

The Slave Trader



Mr. Haley traded slaves to make his living. He has come to buy Tom and Harry.

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
 2. Look at the picture.
 3. Read the sentences under the picture.
 4. Read the first three paragraphs of the story.
 5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that Mr. Haley

- a. lived in New Orleans.
- b. bought and sold people for money.
- c. did not like Mr. Shelby.
- d. laughed too much.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out why Eliza runs away.

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"You can say what you will about slavery, Mr. Shelby," Haley said. "But, you know, black people are not like white people. You see, Eliza, that black mother, will soon not care that her boy is gone." The slave trader laughed. The slave trader would make money selling Shelby's slaves "down river." Down river was New Orleans.

"I don't want to take Harry from his mother," said Shelby.

"Oh, I could sell the mother too!" said Haley.

"You may not buy her!" Shelby shouted. "My wife would never hear of it. It is hard for me just giving up Tom. He is my best slave. He reads the Bible, you know. I need people like Tom. I trust him."

Eliza was the mother of the boy the two men had talked about. And she had heard them talking. *The trader wants my little Harry, she thought. He will never get his hands on him!* she said to herself.

Eliza was married to George Harris. He was a good man. He was also a slave. He lived and worked on a place near the Shelby home. Sometimes married slaves could not live together. And so it was with Eliza and George.

This day, George had found time to come see Eliza. "Eliza, I have come to say good-bye..."

"Good-bye?" cried Eliza.

"Yes, my dear. I am going to Canada. My master is talking about selling me...in New Orleans! In Canada, I will be a free man. And when I can, I will buy you and Harry."

That night, Eliza heard the Shelys talking. "Eliza thought she heard you say that you were going to sell her son, Harry," said Mrs. Shelby to her husband. "Please tell me that she didn't hear you say that."

"My dear, wife, I owe Haley some money. And right now, I don't have it. Haley said if I didn't have the money, he would be happy to take Tom and Harry. He would sell them in New Orleans, and keep the money."

Mrs. Shelby's face was red. "Tom? The one you trust the most? The one who does as the Bible tells him? Slavery is not right!" she shouted. "It is not right to hold slaves! And to buy and sell them like animals is not God's way! Oh, my husband, do we need the money that much?"

"My Dear, there is nothing more I can do. Mr. Haley will come in the morning for Tom and Eliza's boy."

Eliza had heard every word they said. She ran to the small room where Harry was sleeping. She thought about George and Canada. She thought how her master and Mrs. Shelby had once been so kind. But there was no time to cry. It was time to run! She had to get away before morning!

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VOCABULARY CHECK

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I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

- The boy will _____ his dog a new bone.
- I love the candy _____ Anderson made her children.
- "_____, no! I forgot my lunch!"
- Tina's hair is as _____ as the night sky.
- I asked _____ Porter for a ride in his new car.

II. Word Search

All the words from the box above are hidden in the puzzle below. They may be written from left to right, up and down, or on an angle. As you find each word, put a circle around it. One word, that is not a key word, has been done for you.

C	B	F	E	K	O
O	R	A	T	V	H
M	X	T	B	D	M
R	F	O	L	U	B
S	U	M	W	S	Y
B	L	A	C	K	G

Check your answers with the key on page 69.