LESSON 1 ANSWER KEY

ANNA MARIA COFFEE, Ex-slave, age about 89. http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/resources/wpa.html

"I was born in North Carolina, near Ensfiel '. I was er pretty big girl

when de war started. But I don’t known my real age, ‘**cause every time**

**I was sold they made my age jes' what they wanted it.** I judge, I

must a been about twelve or fourteen years ole when de war started."

"I was sold on de block more'n once, and I was owned by **eleven** different owners. **I was sold from my mother and father** when I was just such

er little tot that I can’t hardly member them at all. My father was named

James Arbor, and my mother she was Abbie Freeman."

"I remember bein' sold to old Jordan White, David Gregory, en David

Gregory, Jr., John Freeman, David Teller, Bradley Pickford, Ned Pickford,

Kinglin' Powells, en Thomas Hurt, was my last owner."

"Ned Pickford stole me from Bradley Pickford, and sold me to Kinglin'

Powells, down in Warsaw, South Carolina. Kinglin' Powells took me and

fourteen other slaves to **Richmond, Virginia**. Us left Warsaw one night

on de train, and when mornin' come us was crossing the James River, goin'

into Richmond. That old James River was sure muddy that mornin'. They

took us to the Trader jail, and give us something to eat, and a change o' clothes."

"That Trader Jail was sure a big place. Us set round all day, en

when night come, was put in rooms up stairs; de womans and girls all on

one side, and the men and boys on de other side along narrow hall. Them

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sho' was sad times. **All us knowed it was goin’ to be de last time us folks would**

**be together, en mos' likely, none us never see our folks no more**.

Every once er while, the keeper comes through to keep em from talkin'

and plannin'."

"Sale day come. De market place was about a city block big, with

seats fixed round like a race track. All the boys and men was fixed on

one side; de big ones first, en so on, down to the little ones. De womans

en girls the was fixed the same way on the other side de market."

"I was put on de block en sold for **$900.00**, to Thomas Hurt. He

bought three brothers together, so's they won’t be sep'rated, and he paid

$1500.00 for the three.

WILLIAM EMMONS: Ex-slave, age 93. http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/resources/wpa.html

"Why, I seen slave traders buy up 'womens an' men for the purpose of **breedin' them just' like animals**, an' they'd **beat them** if they didn't

do what they expected of them. The slave traders wanted strong children for

**work hands**, an' they all time figurin' to get a strong '-ooman to carry

out the plans for raisin' children what would sell real good. They'd keep em

an' feed em for a few years, and then sell em off to de highest bidder.

No decency in such folks as them. Slavery was worse than most people

kin 'magine."

 "The darkie traders use to travel all over the country, sometimes

an' buy up slaves from **plantation owners who was most ready to go down**

**in debt**. I seen men chained together, an' 'oomans bein' carried in wag-ons with they babies. Jes'

takin' em to market for sale like **cattle**."

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SARA FRANCES SHAW GRAVES, AGED 87

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html

12) “SOMETHIN’ LIKE HIRED OUT”

13) “HE WAS ALLOTTED TO ANOTHER MAN”

14) FOR PASTIME

15) CAT-O-NINE TALES

16) NINE STRIPS OF LEATHER FASTENED ONTO THE END OF A WHIP

17) ONE IN EACH HAND AND ONE BALANCED ON MY HEAD

TEMPLE CUMMINS, AGE UNKNOWN

18) ONCT A YEAR AT CHRISTMAS TIME

19) WHITE CHILLUNS CAST-OFF CLOTHES SO WORE THEY WAS READY TO THROW

AWAY.

20) CRACK OPEN

21) AT MEALTIME THEY HAND ME A PIECE OF CORNBREAD AND TELL ME “RUN

‘LONG”. SOMETIME I GIT LITTLE PIECE OF MEAT AND BISCUIT. I GATHERED UP

SCRAPS THE WHITE CHILLENS LEF.”