

Name: _____

Date: _____

Underground to Canada Chapters 7 & 8

Chapter 7 & 8 Vocabulary

Draw a line from the word (*on the left*) to its meaning (*on the right*).

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Ginhouse | To awaken or to feel excited |
| Furrow | A zoologist who studies birds |
| Sly | To serve food with a ladle (large spoon) |
| Mourned | Infrequent or scattered |
| Ornithologist | Being clever or tricky |
| Roused | Husky, harsh sound |
| Trudged | Shelters the cotton gin, a machine for separating cotton fibres from the seeds |
| Sparse | To announce something |
| Ladled | Something is exact and accurate |
| Hoarsely | Showing sadness or regret for a death or a situation |
| Declaring | Limited; not enough |
| Precision | Walking slowly with heavy steps |
| Scant | A long ditch made in the ground for planting seeds |

Cloze Exercise

Fill in the blanks using the Word Bank below.

| <u>Word Bank</u> | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Adam | overseer | cotton bolls | Alexander Ross | cabin |
| turnip | Canada | North Star | ruckus | ribbon |
| plantation | washing | church | birds | black eyed- peas |
| cat-o-nine-tails | | | | |

Julilly had always looked forward to Sunday on the Hensen plantation. Sometimes a preacher came to an empty cabin that the black folks called their _____. There was preaching and singing.

On Saturday nights there was dancing. The slaves went far back into the woods for this, to another empty _____. Massa Hensen didn't mind, so long as he didn't have to listen. There was plenty of _____ with Lester and Adam playing the fiddles and Ben banging a set of bones. In her hair Julilly wore a red _____ which Mammy Sally scrounged up for her. She could dance longer than anybody there.

But things were different at the Riley _____. Sims, the _____, was a man with a soul like a rotten _____. He made sure that all slaves picked a hundred pounds of _____ every day, and if they didn't he would use his _____ on them. Sunday was _____ day at Massa Riley's.

Julilly and her friend Liza often talked about the _____, a country where slaves were free. They had heard many rumours about Canada including that only _____ can be grown there.

One day a strange man visited the plantation. His name was _____ and he had come from Canada to study _____. He chose Lester and _____ to help him. The arrival of the Canadian ornithologist had everyone on the plantation talking about Canada. Julilly made a pact to follow the _____ and escape to the free land of Canada.