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### Harriet Tubman Comprehension Questions

1. What evidence in the text tells why Harriet feared being sold and sent away forever? (p.702)
2. What kind of help do you think the woman in the sunbonnet is offering Harriet? Why do you think so? (p.703)
3. Why do you think the sale of her sisters make Harriet finally decide to leave? (p.704)
4. Use evidence from the text to compare and contrast Harriet's state of mind with those of her brothers. (p.705)
5. What do you think were the odds of an escaping slave making it to freedom in the north? Why do you think so? (p.705)
6. What is Harriet's argument for continuing? (p.706)
7. Why do you think Harriet's brothers become angry when she tries to shame them into continuing the journey? (p.706)

8. After reading 706, how does Harriet feel about her brothers at this point? What details from the text support your answer?
9. Why does Harriet turn away from the Big House? (p.708)
10. Why is Dr. Thompson disturbed and puzzled by Harriet's singing? (p.708)
11. How do the words of Harriet's song tell what she is about to do? (p.709)
12. What details tell us what the Underground Railroad is? (p.711)
13. Why is Harriet suspicious at first when the woman tells her to sweep the yard? (p.713)
14. Why do you think Harriet isn't afraid? (p.713)
15. How does the author's use of the word inconsolable instead of worried help you to understand how Harriet's mother feels? (p.714)
16. What does Harriet's surprise about the German farm tell you about the plantation that she came from? (p.715)

Essential Question: How have people in history worked hard to achieve their goals?