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Vocabulary:

"Escape From Slavery"

1. abolition (ab-uh-LISH-uhn) *noun*; The verb *abolish* (uh-BOL-ish) means "to do away with or put an end to." A city might abolish smoking in public places. *Abolition* is the act of abolishing—of officially ending or stopping something. Some people support the abolition of homework, though others believe homework is an important part of learning.

Abolition is often used to refer specifically to the act of ending slavery in America, as in "Andrew supported abolition; he believed that slavery was wrong."

2. bondage (BAHN-dij) *noun*; Bondage is the state of being under the control of another person—in other words, of being enslaved.

3. bounty (BOWN-tee) *noun*; As it is used in the article, *bounty* refers to a sum of money that is offered as a reward for helping the authorities find or capture someone they are looking for.

4. evade (ih-VEYD) *verb*; To evade someone or something is to get away from it or avoid meeting it directly. You might evade a question that you don't want to answer by changing the subject. You might evade washing the dishes by taking the dog for a walk. A criminal might evade the police by slipping into a dark alley.

5. fugitive (FYOO-jih-tiv) *noun*; A fugitive is someone who is running away or hiding, especially someone who is fleeing from the police.

6. liberate (LIB-uh-rayt) *verb*; To liberate is to set something or someone free from the control of another person or group—to give freedom to someone or something. A country might be liberated from the control of a cruel leader.

7. lucrative (LOO-kruh-tiv) *adjective*; Something that is lucrative produces a lot of money. A lucrative job is a job in which you earn a lot of money. A lucrative decision is one that leads to receiving or earning a lot of money.

8. plantation (plan-TAY-shuhn) *noun*; A plantation is a large area of land, especially in a hot part of the world, where crops are grown and harvested—basically, a giant farm.

Directions: In the space below, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.

Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Choose the word in each pair that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

1. evade

- Ⓐ accept Ⓑ dodge

2. bondage

- Ⓐ freedom Ⓑ enslavement

3. bounty

- Ⓐ reward Ⓑ debt

Directions: For each statement below, fill in the circle to show whether you think it's true or false. Briefly explain your choice.

4. Molly would be disappointed if the store she owns had a lucrative year.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

5. A fugitive might wear a disguise.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

Directions: Rewrite each sentence below using one of the words in the box. There is one word you will not use.

plantation lucrative abolition liberate

6. Because the Northern states in America supported putting an end to slavery, many enslaved people fled to the North in search of freedom.

7. The largest coffee farm in the United States is located on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

8. During the Revolutionary War, the United States fought to free itself from the control of Great Britain.
