

CHAPTERS 9-13

Before you read

- 10 Choose the correct word.
- a) You use *corn / cotton* to make bread.
 - b) Plantation owners used millions of slaves to *pick / pick up* cotton.
 - c) If you are *brave / jealous*, you want something that somebody else has.
- 11 What do you think?
Solomon is in the middle of the swamp with dangers all around.
What will he do next?

After you read

- 12 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.
- a) Tibeats tells Ford that he must sell Platt.
 - b) Platt is very good at picking cotton.
 - c) The worst crime on the plantation is sleeping late in the morning.
 - d) When Epps is drunk, his slaves have to get up and pick cotton in the middle of the night.
 - e) Patsey is called 'queen of the field' because she can ride a horse.
 - f) Mistress Epps has always hated Patsey.
- 13 Answer the questions.
- a) Who plays the violin at the Christmas dance?
 - b) Who realises that Platt isn't an ordinary slave?
 - c) Who writes a letter on stolen paper with a home-made pen?
 - d) Who promises to post Platt's letter?
 - e) Who persuades Epps that Armsby is lying?
 - f) Who refuses to give Patsey soap?
 - g) Who has to whip Patsey?
- 14 What do you think?
- a) What is the worst part of the slaves' daily life on the Epps' plantation?
 - b) Mistress Epps hates Patsey. Why doesn't her husband sell Patsey?

CHAPTERS 14-EPILOGUE

Before you read

- 15 Complete this sentence:
A **lawyer** is ...
- a) a person who helps you if you are in trouble with the police.
 - b) a person who decides how long to send a criminal to prison for.
- 16 This is the last part of Solomon's story. How will his life as a slave come to an end, do you think?

After you read

- 17 Answer the questions.
- a) Why does Platt decide to trust Bass?
 - b) What does Bass agree to do for Platt?
 - c) What news arrives at Christmas?
 - d) Why can't Henry Northup find Solomon immediately when he arrives in Marksville?
 - e) What is Bass about to do when Henry Northup finds him?
 - f) Why do Henry Northup and the Marksville Sheriff decide to ride through the night to the Epps plantation?
 - g) What does Solomon do after he answers the Sheriff's questions correctly?
 - h) What is Epps angry about when he learns the truth about Solomon?
 - i) Why doesn't Burch go to prison for selling a free man?
 - j) When and how did Solomon Northup die?
- 18 What do you think?
- a) Will it be easy for Solomon to return to his old life in the North?
 - b) What is important in life? Put these in order.
 - having enough food and a safe place to sleep
 - having a family
 - being rich
 - going to school
 - being free