

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **a Example answer:** The slave trade was a trade in people across the Atlantic. European ships took African people as slaves from Africa to America. The trade started in about 1520. The trade stopped in the nineteenth century.
b Example answer: Slavery in North America began when the area was still a British colony, but continued after the independence of the United States of America. Most slaves worked on huge farms, mostly in the South, where they were often treated very badly.
c Example answer: Slavery was ended in the USA in 1863. Three million slaves were freed.
- 3 **Example answer:** Most of the people on the left of the tree have African names. Most of the people on the right have English names.

- 2 Fiifi persuades Cudjo by promising to give him some slaves.
- 3 Quey agrees to marry Nana Yaa. He gives up his desire to visit Cudjo's village and live there in peace.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Tom Allan chooses attractive people to be his house slaves.
- 2 **Example answer:** Ness calls it Hell because Hell is a terrible place, and the Devil is the master of Hell.
- 3 Ness tells the Devil that she destroyed the hut, and she tells him that Kojo is dead.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 James does not respect his father because he thinks that his father is a weak man.
- 2 **Example answer:** Akosua does not want to be rude to James because he is royalty.
- 3 Effia advises James to choose a new path if he is unhappy.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Jo would be a slave if Ma Aku had not rescued him.
- 2 **Example answer:** Ma Aku has given up living her own life to take care of Jo.
- 3 The phrase means that something very bad had happened to Jo that had changed his life. Jo's life had begun to fall apart after Anna went missing.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 **Example answer:** She wants to meet Asante people because her parents tell her she is Asante, too.
- 2 He asks Abena if she is James because she probably looks like James (because she is his daughter).
- 3 **Example answer:** Abena does not feel like her family is unlucky because she thanks her ancestors when she leaves the village.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 **Example answer:** Baaba does not love Effia because Effia is not her real daughter.
- 2 Baaba wants Effia to keep it secret so that she cannot marry Abeeku.
- 3 Abeeku's plan is to help a powerful Asante village sell their slaves to the British.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Big Man is the best fighter in Esi's village.
- 2 He has to beat Abronoma because everyone will think he is weak if he does not beat her.
- 3 Effia is Esi's half-sister.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 **Example answer:** James sends Quey to live in England because he is afraid Quey may have feelings for Cudjo.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 **Example answer:** H does not feel free because he knows he will be taken to jail for small crimes simply because he is a black man.
- 2 They are sent to the mines for small crimes like shouting at a noisy dog or stealing a few coins.
- 3 He wants to show people that he is not the violent man they want him to be.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 **Example answer:** Akua dreams about the firewoman because she is from her past. The firewoman is probably Maame.
- 2 Nana Serwah does not like Akua because she was raised by the white Christians.
- 3 **Example answer:** Akua burned her children in a fire because the firewoman came to her in a dream.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Robert finds it easier to get a job because he looks like a white man.
- 2 **Example answer:** Robert had changed so much that Willie could not recognize the man she married any more.
- 3 She does not say anything because she has already forgiven him and she knows he has a different life now.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 The four guesses are:
 - That Yaw was born in a fire.
 - That Yaw's mother was fighting evil spirits.
 - That the gods took revenge on Yaw because his father cursed them.
 - That Yaw did it to himself to have something to talk about.
- 2 No. Yaw's children won't have a scar because you cannot inherit a scar.

- 3 Yaw won't tell Esther he loves her because he thinks there are too many differences between them.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 He works for the NAACP, and protests, goes on marches, and writes letters to the mayor.
- 2 Amani feels that it is a good name for her. "Amani" means "harmony" in Swahili and she is a singer.
- 3 **Example answer:** Sonny has decided to try and stop taking drugs.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 **Example answer:** Marjorie's grandmother does not want Marjorie to forget where her family are from.
- 2 African Americans are black people from families that have lived in America for a long time. Ghanaian people are born in Ghana.
- 3 **Example answer:** The poem is about Effia and Esi or other people like them.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 No, Marcus does not hate white people. He does not agree with everything his father says.
- 2 Marcus decides to go to Cape Coast because he knows he won't find what he's looking for in Pratt City.
- 3 **Example answer:** Marjorie says "welcome home" to Marcus because her grandmother always told her the ocean was the way for her to return home.

After-reading questions

Reader's own answers.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 false 2 false
3 true 4 true
5 false

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 Big Man was not the ¹**chief** of Esi's village, but he was a ²**powerful** man. Big Man led the village in many wars and often brought back ³**captured** prisoners in cages. People in the village took some of the prisoners as ⁴**servants**.

When Big Man tested Abronoma, her hand ⁵**slipped** while carrying a bucket of water. Big Man beat Abronoma with a stick, but she did not ⁶**cry**.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 Quey **had been visiting** his mother's old village when he received a message from Cudjo.
2 Quey's father **had been watching** them wrestle before he sent Cudjo home.
3 Cudjo **had been talking** with Fiifi when Quey entered his uncle's hut.
4 Quey knows that he **will be marrying** Nana Yaa one day.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 Ness lived on a plantation called Hell **before** she went to Tom Allan's plantation.
2 **Since** her body was badly scarred, Ness became a field slave and not a house slave.
3 Ness waited for her water **while** Tom Allan's children played outside.
4 Tom Allan decided to punish Ness, **despite** knowing that his son was lying.
5 **Although** Sam destroyed their hut, Ness took the blame.
6 Ness prayed that her son was protected **wherever** he might be.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 James **was not worried** about being attacked by the Asante people.
2 James **had begun** to feel angry because the British **had been causing** a war between the Fante and Asante people for years.
3 James **had promised** he would return for Akosua one day.
4 James **was avoiding** Amma Atta because he did not want to marry her.
5 James had **been waiting** patiently for his chance to escape.
6 James told the soldier to lie and forget that he **had seen** him.

CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 Who did Jo live with in Baltimore?
2 What would have happened to Jo if Ma Aku had not taken him to freedom?
3 What were the people who wanted to end slavery in America called?
4 Why could people not celebrate Timmy and Agnes's wedding properly?
5 Who did Jo go to for help as soon as he realized Anna was missing? / What did Jo do when he realized that Anna was missing?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 d 2 a 3 b 4 e 5 f 6 c

CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 8 1 Akua knew that her husband did not want to hear about her nightmares.
2 The black men in the mines had not been arrested for serious crimes.
3 Thomas did not help to shovel H's coal.
4 When Akua lived with the church missionaries, sweeping had not been her job.
5 "You should never know where your children are."
6 Akua was not being carried by ten men.

CHAPTER TEN

- 9 1 No, he's not. 2 Yes, they do.
 3 No, they can't. 4 No, she doesn't.
 5 No, she can't. 6 Yes, she has.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 10 Edward and Yaw have been friends since they were children. Edward is ¹**intelligent** and a good friend to Yaw. He invites Yaw to dinner most nights of the week. Edward's wife is ²**annoyed** because she has to feed both Edward and Yaw.

Yaw has a large scar on his face and although it scares people away, Yaw is a ³**proud** man. When Yaw meets Esther, he discovers that she is a very ⁴**honest** person.

Yaw and Esther travel to visit Yaw's mother. In Yaw's old village they meet Kofi Poku. Kofi Poku is ⁵**embarrassed** because his children point and whisper at Yaw. The people in Yaw's village call his mother "Crazy Woman" but her name is Akua. Akua tells Yaw that their family is ⁶**cursed**.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 11 1 d 2 a 3 f 4 b 5 c 6 e

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 12 1 Marjorie visits her grandmother in **Ghana**.
 2 Marjorie's grandmother makes Marjorie speak in **Twi**, and not in English.
 3 Marjorie's grandmother put her umbilical cord in the **ocean**.
 4 Marjorie tells her teacher that she is not **African American**, although she is not sure if she is Ghanaian.
 5 Marjorie writes a **poem** for a black cultural event.
 6 Marjorie's grandmother is buried on a **mountain**.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

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| 13 | Who spoke? | Who to? |
| 1 | Marcus | Sonny |
| 2 | Sonny | Marcus |
| 3 | Marcus | Marjorie |
| 4 | Marjorie | Marcus |
| 5 | Guide | Marjorie and Marcus |
| 6 | Marjorie | Marcus |

Project work

Reader's own answers.

Essay questions

Reader's own answers.