

Identification Questions. Teacher Version

The “Identification Questions” handout requires students to read each of the following statements and circle the name of the author to whom it applies or circle “Both” if it applies to Jacobs and Keckly. The correct responses are in bold.

1. Both her mother and her first mistress (owner) died before she was 13 years old.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

2. She had a brother named William.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

3. She was 4 years old when she was given her first task as a slave.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

4. Her parents were termed “mulattoes.”

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

5. One of her chores was to knit socks for the family for which she worked.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

6. Her relatives were often sold and/or separated from each other depending on the financial needs of their owners.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

7. Her father could read and write.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

8. Her father earned money as a carpenter and hoped to buy the freedom of his family, but was not able to do so.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

9. Her mother and father never lived together.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

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10. She wrote that slavery provided her with a sense of “self-reliance.”

Jacobs

Keckly

Both

11. She realized she was a slave and was required to perform household duties at the age of six.

Jacobs

Keckly

Both