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**Grade 7 Novel Study**  
**Underground to Canada**  
**Chapter Questions**

**Chapter 1**

1. Describe the setting at the opening of the novel.
2. Describe June Lilly.
3. Who is Missy Hensen and what does she tell Old John, the coachman?
4. Why does Julilly's mother speak of Canada?

Vocabulary: drone, plantation, scold, fretful, kin

**Chapter 2**

1. What does Mama tell Julilly to do if she is sold?
2. Describe how the man rounded up the slaves that morning.
3. Why was Julilly so frightened?

Vocabulary: yearning, loiter

**Chapter 3**

1. How did the tall white man offer to help the slaves?
2. What is meant by the phrase, "their eyes spoke fear"?
3. What were the "sheets of falling water"?
4. Why did the fat man become so angry?

Vocabulary: plodding, clung, abolitionist

**Chapter 4**

1. How were Adam's ankles torn?
2. How did Julilly help the men in the cyprus swamp?

Vocabulary: stifling, gourd, sullen, sieves

**Chapter 5**

1. How does the fat man know that they are probably back in Mississippi?
2. Compare the slave quarters on this plantation with the ones at Massa Hensen's.

Vocabulary: rumped, frail, drawl, overseer

## Chapter 6

1. How does Liza describe Julilly's new home?
2. What happened to Liza when she tried to run away?
3. What is a "cat-o'-nine-tails"?
4. Why does Liza consider Julilly a friend?
5. What are the two girls talking about just before they fall asleep?

Vocabulary: listless, trough, collard, shuffle

## Chapter 7

1. What happened to the old people if "they didn't meet the measure"?
2. Describe the rumours about Canada.
3. Who is the new visitor and why is he there?
4. What evidence is there that he is concerned about the slaves?

Vocabulary: elegant, tote, gourd, pout

## Chapter 8

1. Why does Mr. Ross choose Lester and Adam to help him?
2. Why did all the slave girls "whisper" about Canada that night?
3. What secret does Liza reveal to Julilly at the end of the chapter?

Vocabulary: roused, boll, dusk, timid, twitch.

## Chapter 9

1. Make a chart to show how the Hensen plantation was different from where Julilly is presently living.
2. What does Lester reveal to Julilly about Massa Ross?
3. What is the signal that Julilly is to listen for that evening?

Vocabulary: preacher, pledge, bond, bondage, solemn, taut, gravely

## Chapter 10

1. Why did Liza and Julilly no longer talk at night in their cabin?
2. Why were Julilly and Liza happy that it didn't rain?
3. Who cut the girls' hair?
4. What sound frightened the girls?

## Chapter 11

1. Why did they wade through the swamps when they saw men on horseback?
2. Why was Liza surprised when Lester told her that he could read?
3. Who did they think had rode by in the moonlight?
4. What was the *Fugitive Slave Act*?

Vocabulary: immobile, quivered, brisk, shuddered

## Chapter 12

1. What was the round glass object with the black needle?
2. What is the Underground Railway?
3. What misfortune befell Lester and Adam at the end of the chapter?

Vocabulary: suffocate, conceal, fugitives

## Chapter 13

1. Describe what happened when Julilly asked the white woman for food.
2. Describe their welcome at the next house.
3. What surprised Julilly about the rows of cabins on this farm?
4. What did Julilly notice when she scrubbed Liza's back?

Vocabulary: haggard, unkempt

## Chapter 14

1. What terrified the girls as they made their way through the mountain paths?
2. Why did Julilly and Liza decide that it would be better to travel during daylight?
3. What valuable information does the old man give to Julilly?
4. What news did the two girls receive about Lester and Adam?

## Chapter 15

1. Who woke Jeb?
2. What instructions did Ella give to the girls?
3. To whose home were the girls going?

## Chapter 16

1. Describe Levi Coffin.
2. Why did Sheriff Donnelly end up at the Coffin home?
3. Why does Levi inform his wife that it is best if the girls leave right away?

## **Chapter 17**

1. Describe the girls' journey on the train.
2. Who met the girls at the train station?
3. What news did the girls receive about Lester and Adam?
4. What was the *Mayflower* and where would it take the girls?

## **Chapter 18**

1. Where did the captain hide the girls?
2. Who were the two men that the captain shoved onto the plank?
3. How did Liza react when she arrived in Canada?

## **Chapter 19**

1. Who is Ezra Wilson?
2. Who worked at the Welland House Hotel in St. Catharine's?
3. Who was Julilly surprised to see in the kitchen?
4. How were "black" people treated in St. Catharine's?