

Virtual History Teacher
Harriet Tubman Test

Name: _____

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Harriet Tubman, or, reference the mrnussbaum.com online biography, to add the missing pieces.

Question 1: Why did Harriet Tubman travel on Saturdays?	Score:
Student Answer: Harriet Tubman traveled on Saturdays because she thought she wouldn't get caught on the weekend.	
Your Response:	

Question 2: How did Harriet Tubman navigate through the woods on the Underground Railroad?	Score:
Student Answer: Harriet Tubman made sure to keep very quiet and she hid from hound dogs by jumping in the water.	
Your Response:	

Question 3: Why did Harriet Tubman have fainting spells?	Score:
Student Answer: The life of a slave was very difficult and she was often tired.	
Your Response:	

Answers:

Question 1: Why did Harriet Tubman travel on Saturdays?	Score:
Student Answer: Harriet Tubman traveled on Saturdays because she thought she wouldn't get caught on the weekend.	
Your Response: Harriet Tubman traveled on Saturdays because runaway notices in southern newspapers were printed on Monday. As a result, Tubman would have at least a full day to begin her escape before word of the escape would be in the newspaper.	

Question 2: How did Harriet Tubman navigate through the woods on the Underground Railroad?	Score:
Student Answer: Harriet Tubman made sure to keep very quiet and she hid from hound dogs by jumping in the water.	
Your Response: Not only did Tubman hide from hound dogs by finding a source of water to hide her scent, but she also used the north star to guide her. When it was cloudy, she noticed that moss grew on the north sides of trees, which helped her stay on course.	

Question 3: Why did Harriet Tubman have fainting spells?	Score:
Student Answer: The Life of a slave was very difficult and she was often tired.	
Your Response: Harriet Tubman suffered a severe injury when she was hit in the head with a metal weight as a young girl by her master.	