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STUDENT HANDOUT 1: READING FOR DETAILS

Read each of the following statements and circle name of the author to whom it applies.

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

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2. She had a brother named William.

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

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4. Her parents were termed "mulattoes."

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5. One of her chores was to knit socks for her owners.

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

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7. Her father could read and write.

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

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9. Her mother and father never lived together.

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

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

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Both

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