



**HARRIET JACOBS AND ELIZABETH KECKLY: THE MATERIAL AND EMOTIONAL REALITIES OF CHILDHOOD IN SLAVERY**

TEACHER TOOL 4

Student Handout 1 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

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

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