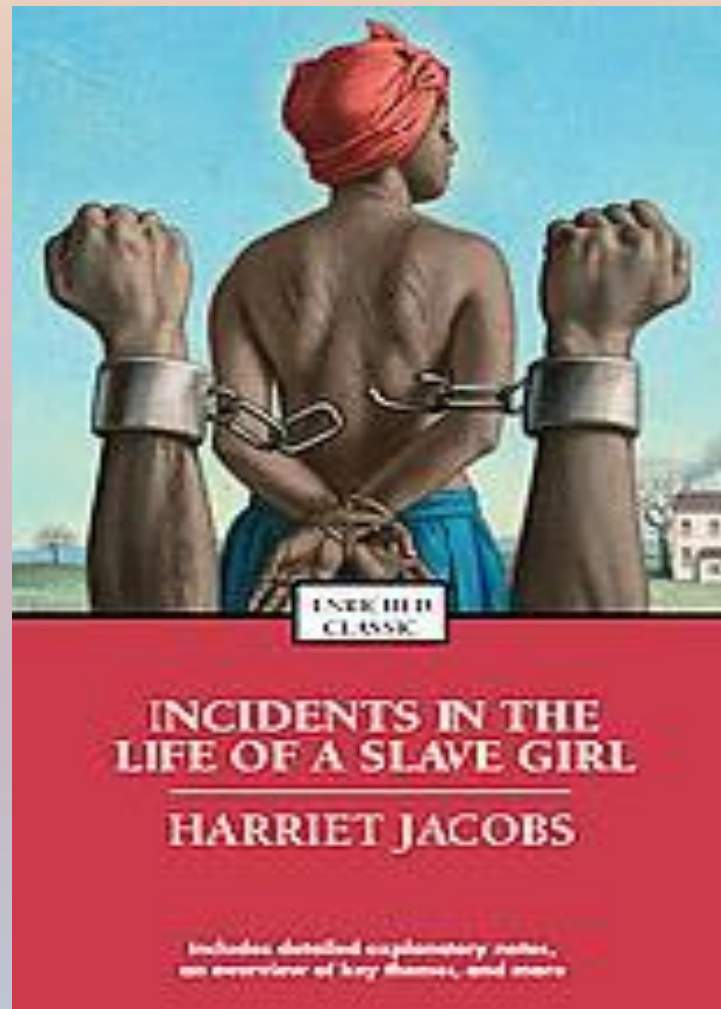


Harriet Jacob's Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Lecture 4: What Our Homes Say About Us



How Do Our Homes Reflect Our Values?

If a stranger were to walk through your home, what might they learn about your family?

If a stranger were to visit your room, what might they learn about you?

Homes Reflecting Reality

If you visited slave quarters, what do you think you would see?

If you were to visit a wealthy southern slave owner's home, what do you think you would see?

Visiting a Southern Estate

- In the middle of the 19th century, Natchez, Mississippi was one of the wealthiest towns in America.
- You will be visiting the historic Melrose House and comparing the homes of rich estate owners to slave quarters.



Comparing Lives

Melrose House – notes & comment Slave quarters – notes & comment

Melrose House

<http://www.slaveryinamerica.org/walkthru/melrose.htm>

Slave quarters

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/virtual-tour/lincolns-quarters/>

Formative Assessment 4

Read chapters 31-41 of *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

Answer the following questions and hand them in:

1. Who are the people who support Harriet while she is in Philadelphia and New York?
2. Why is it important to Harriet that she pay her own way to New York?
3. In what condition does Harriet find her daughter?
4. Why hasn't Mr. Sands freed Ellen?
5. What are some of the ways that Harriet's life in New York is different from her life in North Carolina?
6. Why do you think that the hotel staff and black servants treated Harriet so meanly when she traveled with the Bruce family to Albany?
7. Compare and contrast the plight of the poor in England with that of the slave in America. Do you agree with Harriet's judgment about which group has the worst situation?
8. What does Harriet's attempt to run an anti-slavery reading room in Rochester say about her character?
9. Until Mrs. Bruce purchases her freedom, Harriet still feels endangered in New York. Why is she not more protected by society in this northern state? Why are her owners in North Carolina so eager to reclaim her?