

Vocabulary in Context: My Bondage and My Freedom

Using context clues, explain what the **bolded** word most likely means and explain how you came up with that conclusion – i.e. which word(s) in the sentence led you to that conclusion. This information is to come from your brain, NOT FROM YOUR PHONE OR THE TEXTBOOK!!! Pay attention to the part of speech. Check your answer by reading the sentence with your answer in place of the vocabulary word.

1. It was, at least, necessary for her to have some training, and some hardening, in the exercise of the slaveholder's prerogative, to make her equal to forgetting my human nature and character, and to treating me as a thing **destitute** of a moral or an intellectual nature.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

2. It was no easy matter to **induce** her to think and to feel that the curly-headed boy, who stood by her side, and even leaned on her lap...sustained to her only the relation of a chattel (piece of property).
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

3. She had bread for the hungry, clothes for the naked, and comfort for every mourner that came within her reach. Slavery soon proved its ability to **divest** her of these excellent qualities, and home of its early happiness.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

4. Seized with a determination to learn to read, at all cost, I hit upon many **expedients** to accomplish the desired end.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

5. This volume (book) was, indeed, a rich treasure, and every opportunity afforded me, for a time, was spent in diligently **perusing** it.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

6. I had now penetrated the secret of all slavery and oppression, and had **ascertained** their true foundation to be in the pride, the power and the avarice of man.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

7. I **loathed** them as the meanest and the most wicked of men.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

8. She aimed to keep me ignorant; and I resolved to know, although knowledge only increased my **discontent**.
 - What does the word mean? _____
 - How do you know? _____

