

North by Malorie Blackman

Tuesday

Watch and listen carefully as I read North Part 1 and Part 2.

Think about the following questions and write your responses in your book.

1. What do you think about the idea that people can sell other peoples' children?
2. What is your understanding of the word slave?
3. What do you think Old John meant by saying that folks running off "just made life harder for everyone else"?
4. At the end of Part 2, Mama had a "cold, hard look on her face." What do you think that look was a sign of? What were her emotions at this point?

Wednesday

Watch and listen carefully as I read North Part 3 and Part 4.

Think about the following questions and write your responses in your book.

1. Why do you think it was dangerous for the child to have learnt to read and write? Why would Best Friend have punished her so severely?
2. At the start of Part 4, I read that the "thrilling, exciting part about running away had faded to nothing." What emotions do you think would have replaced excitement?
3. What do you think field slaves had to do?
4. Towards the end of Part 4, we really learn about the prejudice that the slaves were facing? What do you think of this? Can you imagine it happening today?

Thursday

Watch and listen carefully as I read North Part 5 and Part 6.

Think about the following questions and write your responses in your book.

1. When the child was caught near the well, why do you think the "white men" were so keen to get to her?
2. I read, "The whole world was nothing but a long, hard road to run on." What do you think this actually means?
3. Why do you think Mama shook her head after sniffing the air at the end of Part 6?