Today you will read the poem “Harriet Tubman” by Eloise Greenfield. As you read, pay attention to the actions of the characters and the images of the poem. Then use what you learn from the poem to write an essay.

Read the poem “Harriet Tubman” by Eloise Greenfield. Then answer Questions 1 through 4.

Harriet Tubman
By Eloise Greenfield

1 Harriet Tubman didn’t take no stuff
2 Wasn’t scared of nothing neither
3 Didn’t come in this world to be no slave
4 And wasn’t going to stay one either

5 “Farewell!” she sang to her friends one night
6 She was mighty sad to leave ‘em
7 But she ran away that dark, hot night
8 Ran looking for her freedom
9 She ran to the woods and she ran through the woods
10 With the slave catchers right behind her
11 And she kept on going till she got to the North
12 Where those mean men couldn’t find her.

13 Nineteen times she went back South
14 To get three hundred others
15 She ran for her freedom nineteen times
16 To save Black sisters and brothers
17 Harriet Tubman didn’t take no stuff
18 Wasn’t scared of nothing neither
19 Didn’t come in this world to be no slave
20 And didn’t stay one either

21 And didn’t stay one either
1. Part A

What does didn’t take no stuff mean as it is used in Line 1 of “Harriet Tubman?”

a. didn’t steal  
b. wasn’t tolerant  
c. wasn’t honest  
d. wasn’t brave

Part B

Which statement best supports the answer to Part A?

a. Ran looking for her freedom  
b. Kept on going till she got to the North  
c. Nineteen times she went back South  
d. But she ran away that dark, hot night.

2. Part A

Harriet Tubman seems determined to escape slavery. What shows determination?

a. She left her friends.  
b. She ran away on a hot night.  
c. She was chased by the slave catches while she was running away.  
d. She wasn’t afraid of anything.

Part B

Which statement best supports the answer to Part A?

a. “‘Farewell!’ she sang to her friends one night.”  
b. “…She ran through the woods, with the slave catchers right behind her.”  
c. “She ran for her freedom nineteen times.”  
d. “But she ran away that dark, hot night”
3. Part A

What literary device does the poet use?

   a. Rhyme
   b. Metaphor
   c. Repetition
   d. Alliteration

Part B

What detail best supports the answer to Part A?

   a. “dark, hot night”
   b. “stay one either”
   c. “mighty sad”
   d. “mean men”
Refer to “Harriet Tubman” to answer Question 4.

4. This poem tells us about the time that Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery.

Write Harriet Tubman’s journal entry about her escape and her trips back South after becoming free. Include information about the events of the escape and how she might have felt as you write the journal entry.

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