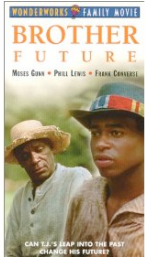


Name _____ "Brother Future"



While watching this film, think about these questions. Some will be possible to answer WHILE watching. Others will need to be answered afterward in order to have the whole picture of what has happened.

1. List at least ten things that TJ took for granted in 1990 before his experience of traveling back in time.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

2. What are some of the thoughts and feelings that TJ might have had while he was on the auction block?

Thoughts (Write quotes in sentences.)	Feelings (List some adjectives.)

3. This movie shows many of the ways in which masters tried to make their slaves feel inferior to whites. List six of them if you can!

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

4. There are some advantages and disadvantages of being in Zeek's position as an overseer. List at least **two** on each side of this chart.

Advantages of Being a Black, Slave Overseer	Disadvantages of Being a Black, Slave Overseer

If you were a slave in 1822, and you were given the opportunity to have Zeek's position, would you want it? Using your ideas from the chart, construct a response that explains your choice but shows an understanding of why someone else may choose the other side.



5. TJ feels differently about school at the beginning of the movie than he does at the end. Write at least two sentences telling why his perspective on education has changed.

6. Josiah risks severe punishment to learn to read. What do you have to give up in order to be able to learn?

7. When TJ tells Mortilla that no one is helping, she points out that he can't put salve on his own back. Below are some people who help you. How do you show your appreciation to them?

People who help me	Actions I take to show my appreciation for them
1. Parents and relatives	1.
2. Teachers	2.
3. Friends	3.
4. People in public service: legislators, town employees, law enforcement	

8. TJ willingly risks his life to help Josiah and Caroline.

(sacrifice: to give up something of your own in order to help someone else)

Ways we see people helping others	Sacrifice the people may be making in order to give that help
1. Volunteers who visit people who live alone or might be sick or even dying.	1.
2. People who donate to charities that provide services and food to the poor.	2.
3. Children who do chores around the house or help in the classroom.	3.
4. Firefighters and police officers that respond to emergencies and dangerous situations.	4.

9. Explain Denmark Vesey's quote: "An education is a mighty, mighty weapon."

This is a metaphor that compares two unlike things - education and weapon. To explain this, we need to break it down into its parts.

First: What are two main purposes of a weapon?

1. _____
2. _____

Second: What is the purpose of getting an education?

How, then, is an education like a weapon?

Why does Denmark Vesey's quote have a particularly powerful message for slaves?

A "Life Lesson" is something that you learn which makes you a better person. It is a lesson that, when followed, will bring you happiness.

10. List four "Life Lessons" that TJ learns from his journey back in time.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

Personal Challenge: This is an optional activity, as a way to stretch yourself!

On white-lined paper, add to the ending of this movie. Create a scene where TJ is doing something that **SHOWS** he has learned life lessons. In your description of a new ending, consider tying up one or more of these loose ends. You do not have to discuss all of them:

- What happens to Josiah and Caroline?
- How does TJ's relationship with his grandmother change?
- How will TJ behave in school from now on?
- What will happen to his "business?"
- How will Crunch react to TJ's new attitude?
- Who will he choose for his report in history class?
- How will his life be different than it would have been if he had not traveled back in time?
- What else will TJ want to learn about the past or his past?