

Notes for **Incidents in the Life of the Slave Girl (3/23/07)**

By: Linda Brent

Y2- Brent never knew she was a slave girl

Y5- Ms Flint watches her all night

Y2 D- Saves money to purchase her out of slavery

Y6- Southern women often marry men with slave children

Y9- Grandmothers response

Y 14- Enlightenment counteracting slavery

Y4 2a Slaves have some rights

Y 11 2a- Benny is outspoken but not whipped

Y2- Brent was treated well, this is why she didn't know she was a slave till she was older. Brent wasn't unhappy till she found out she was a slave just like Douglass. She became unhappy when she was treated like merchandise. Grandmother loaned her mistress 300 dollars and never got it back, shows cruelty of slave-owners.

Y2 2d- Why weren't they allowed to buy slaves, it seems the father had enough money but was denied. Property can't buy property offered as an answer.

Y5-Mrs. Flint watches over Brent. This shows that slavery hurts everyone. It drives MRs. Flint crazy. Brent belongs to Dr. Flint's daughter. Shows disregard for slaves as they are just given to little kids.

Who does MRs. Flint blame more? Dr. Flint obviously to blame, but Mrs. Flint goes back and forth between blaming Brent and Dr. Flint.

Why does he build small cottage? It gives Lynda and him a place to have sex away from Mrs. Flint.

Flint can get away with having illegitimate children because the slaves are too afraid to say anything.

Y 4 2a- Linda is able to refuse Dr. Flint's advances on occasion.
She may have been free at this point in the story though

Y 6- Southern woman often marry men with slave children. Most do not have a problem with it, slaves are just property.

Is Mrs. Flint from the North, she would not have grown up in this culture and thus the discomfort with the situation.

Women feel they can't do anything about it so they don't

Men provide too much for women to dissent

Y-9 Grandmother is extremely mad at Linda for her relations with Flint

Unfair response, Linda didn't have much choice

Mr. Sanz is the father of Linda's two children.

Linda just wanted to get pregnant to get revenge on Dr. Flint. Grandmother could be mad if this was Linda's justification for promiscuity.

Y-11 2a- Benny is outspoken but not punished

Dr. Flint tries to get Benny to say where his mother is, he refuses and says he can tell his mother to stay away if gets punished

Benny is no longer property

Kids might not know she is in hiding

Slaves here are more daring

Y 14- Enlightenment counteracting slavery
Knowledge leads to hate of slavery

Douglass and Bennet both educated and then try to escape
Bennet is taught to read and write by a woman, men are more cruel

Is lighter skin source of different treatment? Could cause more cruel treatment as well

Linda has it worse because she is raped
Douglass has it worse because he doesn't have family

Is sex consensual? NOOO