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Quiz on Resistance

Directions: Read each question carefully. Circle the letter of the **best answer choice (A-D)**. Some questions test specific facts, while others test your understanding of themes, tone, or motivation.

1. Why does Douglass not know his exact age at the beginning of the narrative?
 - A. His parents never told him.
 - B. He refused to ask anyone.
 - C. Records were burned during a fire.
 - D. Slaveholders deliberately kept enslaved people ignorant of their birthdays.
2. What traumatic event does Douglass describe as his "blood-stained gate" into the world of slavery?
 - A. Witnessing Aunt Hester's whipping.
 - B. Being separated from his mother.
 - C. His first day working in the fields.
 - D. His first attempt to read.
3. When Mrs. Auld begins to teach Douglass to read, what happens?
 - A. She teaches him secretly until he is an adult.
 - B. She is praised by her husband for her kindness.
 - C. Her husband forbids it, saying education makes slaves unfit to be controlled.
 - D. Douglass refuses because he fears punishment.
4. How does Douglass continue his education after being stopped from formal lessons?
 - A. He buys books from traveling merchants.
 - B. He secretly learns from poor white boys in the streets.
 - C. He sneaks into school at night.
 - D. He teaches himself from church sermons.
5. Which of the following best describes Mr. Covey, the "slave-breaker"?
 - A. Kind but strict.
 - B. A young boy Douglass befriends.
 - C. Rich and indulgent.
 - D. Gentle in speech, brutal in action.
6. What is the turning point in Douglass's fight against Covey?
 - A. Douglass runs away successfully.
 - B. Douglass hides in the woods for a week.
 - C. Douglass physically resists and fights Covey, regaining a sense of dignity.
 - D. Covey frees Douglass out of guilt.
7. Why does Douglass describe learning to read as both a blessing and a curse?
 - A. It gave him pride but also made him arrogant.
 - B. It gave him knowledge of freedom but made him painfully aware of slavery's injustice.
 - C. It helped him escape immediately but left him lonely.
 - D. It made him more skilled but also caused punishment.