

## **Steal Away Home Study guide**

1. What did Dana find while tearing down wallpaper? A skeleton
2. Why did Mrs. Weaver not want to know the names of the family? She didn't want to have to lie if asked.
3. Where did the Weavers live before moving west to Kansas? Boston
4. Who had recorded notes in the little black diary Dana found? Mrs. Weaver
5. According to the journal, what religion did the Weaver family practice? Quakers
6. What was the signal used to let escaped slaves know they could come to the Weaver's home? A flag
7. Why were U.S. Marshall Fain and his deputies coming to town? To arrest anyone helping runaway slaves
8. How did the proslavers finally get rid of the Free-State Hotel? Set fire with gunpowder
9. What did Pa and James Weaver find after they returned home to escape the dangerous fighting in Lawrence? House was burned
10. Why did the Weavers build a big closet in the north bedroom? For James to practice his violin
11. What does it mean to "Follow the drinking gourd"? follow the North Star
12. Miz Lizbet told the story of what slave woman who escaped to freedom on a real train? Ellen Craft
13. Who was Solomon and what happened to him? A free man who was arrested as a runaway.
14. Why did Ma request James to go to the field and fetch some wild indigo? She needed the roots to boil a tea for Rebecca.
15. How old was Miz Lizbet? 23
16. What crime was Lizbet's husband falsely accused of committing? Strangling his white father.
17. What did James hope to be someday? An architect
18. Why was Texas Longhorns passing through Lawrence a threat to the local farmers' cows? They carried ticks that caused Texas fever
19. Why did Dana go to the basement? There was a tornado
20. What were Ma and Miz Lizbet doing at the kitchen table? Learning to read and write
21. Where was Will headed when he stopped to say goodbye to James? To join John Brown's army
22. Why did Millicent turn over her diary to Miz Lizbet on November 20, 1856? It was more of Miz Lizbet's story than Mrs. Weaver's
23. What news was in the letter from Boston? Grampa Baylor had a stroke
24. What invitation did Jeremy Macon extend to James, telling him he was "going to have a picnic"? hog slaughter
25. What did Dr. Olney feel caused the typhoid fever that ran rampant in and around Lawrence? Unsanitary conditions

26. What happened to Jeep inside Walcott Castle? He fell through the balcony
27. What did Miz Lizbet try to give James? The journal
28. What did Solomon, Pa, and James do shortly after covering Miz Lizbet's body with a thin sheet? Built a wall
29. How old was James Weaver when Wolcott Castle was built? 33
30. How had James Weaver honored the lives of Matthew Luke and Elizabeth Charles in 1877, after completion of the Wolcott Castle? He planted a tree

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