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Writing a Summary

A summary is a short retelling of the most important parts of a story. It should include the information that someone would need to know to understand the story, without minor details or your own opinion.

Directions: Complete the summary below, based on your reading of "Freedom or Death." Think about what was most important in the article.

Summary of "Freedom or Death"

"Freedom or Death" is about _____
_____.

At that time, millions of enslaved black men, women, and children suffered from cruel treatment, including _____
_____.

Although Robert and his mother were treated well compared with other slaves, he was haunted by the memory of _____
_____.

In 1861, the Civil War started because _____
_____.

Robert was forced to _____.

He could not tolerate this, so he _____
_____.

Robert was an instant hero, and after his escape, he _____
_____.