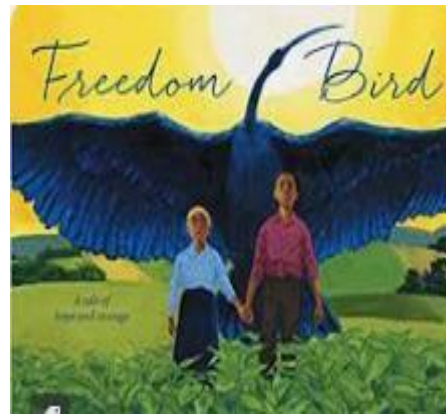


Book Knowledge Organiser – Freedom Bird

Characters

John Wheeler	Young boy working as a slave
Millicent Wheeler	John's sister; also a slave
Simon Plenty	Plantation owner
Samuel and Maggie	John and Millicent's parents
Brone Sorenson	Plantation overseer
Mr Findlay	Plantation owner
Bird	A mysterious creature



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

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What is Slavery?

Slavery is when a person owns another person as property. The main purpose of enslaving people is to make money, and enslaved people rarely earn money for their work. When people are enslaved, their enslavers can say where they move, what job they do, what food they will eat, what clothes they will wear, whether they can learn to read and write, and much more.

Key Vocabulary

backbreaking		Demanding great effort; exhausting
battered		In poor condition because it's been used a lot
commotion		Noise and confusion.
instinctively		To do an action without thinking
labour		Very hard physical work
lone		A person or a thing that's alone
melodies		Pleasant tunes.
merciless		Cruel, without concern
perilous		Very dangerous
posterity		Everyone who'll be alive in the future
spindly		Long, thin and weak
turbulent		Change, confusion and disorder

Plot

The story of a brother and sister whose parents were sold leaving them alone as slaves who dreamed of flying away to freedom.

Setting

A plantation in North Caroline, USA around 1820 when it was normal for plantation owners to keep slaves.

Key Themes

Slavery, freedom, hopes, dreams, courage.