

*Short Answer Constructed Response Questions for "The Story of My Life"*

**10** Read the following sentences from lines 37 through 39 of the passage:

*Everything had a name, and each name gave birth to a new thought. As we returned to the house every object which I touched seemed to quiver with life.*

How do these sentences reflect the author's changing relationship with language? Use **two** details from the passage to support your answer.

Write your answer in complete sentences.

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- 11** In "The Story of My Life," how does the author's attitude toward the doll symbolize her changing attitude toward learning words? Use **two** details from the passage to support your answer.

Write your answer in complete sentences.

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*Extended Constructed Response Paired Passages*

- 12** “The Story of My Life” and “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave” share many ideas about the human condition/character. What is a major central idea that is shared by both passages? Explain the importance of the shared central idea for each narrator. Discuss similarities and differences in the role of the shared central idea for each narrator. Use details from **both** passages to support your response.

In your response, be sure to:

- identify a central idea shared by both passages, “The Story of My Life” and “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave”
- explain the importance of the central idea to each narrator  
explain the similarities and differences in the importance of the central idea for each narrator.
- use details from **both** passages to support your response

Write your answer in complete sentences.

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