 **12 Years a Slave**

**Before You Watch**

1. **Find out information about the film to complete the table**

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| **TITLE** |  |
| **DIRECTOR** |  |
| **RELEASE DATE** |  |
| **CAST** |  |
| **GENRE** |  |
| **RUNNING TIME** |  |
| **AWARDS** |  |

1. **In order to understand the film better, do some research to answer the following questions.**
   1. What was the name of the war between North and South?

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* 1. How long did it last?

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* 1. Why did it start?

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* 1. What were the consequences of the war?

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* 1. Who was the first Republican president of the USA?

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* 1. Were all African Americans slaves before slavery was abolished?

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**While You Watch**

1. **Order the events as they appear in the film.**
2. Because of a plague in the cotton plantations, the slaves are temporarily

taken to Judge Turner’s farm. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. He is kidnapped and taken to a slave state in the South. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. He is taken to work in Mr Edwin Epp’s cotton plantation. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. His wife says there is nothing to forgive. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. Mr Ford buys Platt so he can work in a sawmill. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
5. Platt gives all his money so that Armsby can post a letter in Marksville. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
6. Platt is invited to play the violin in parties and is allowed to keep the money

they give him. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Platt punches Tibeats and Mr Ford fears for his life. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. Platt tells his story and asks Bass to write a letter to his friends in the North

to prove that he is a free man. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Solomon’s wife travels with their two children to work for three weeks. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. The boss is impressed with his work and offers him a violin as a reward. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Two men offer Solomon money to go to Washington and play the violin in

a circus for two weeks. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**After You Watch**



1. **Working in pairs/groups, discuss:**
2. How you think Solomon´s family lived during the time he was kidnapped;
3. What you think they might have done to try to find him.
4. **Identify the differences between the North and the South in the film.**

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