

American Literature
Who Claims Me?
Discussion Questions

Directions: Answer all of the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What was the 13th Amendment?
2. How did enslaved African Americans engage in resistance to slavery?
3. What was the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850? Why did Congress pass this law? What was the punishment for its violation?
4. How did free and fugitive Blacks in Boston respond to the Fugitive Slave Act?
5. What event prompted Shadrach Minkins to ask "Who claims me?" and what did he mean? Why did the author choose this question as the title for Minkins' story?