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**12 Years A Slave Viewing Guide**

1. Describe the motives for the men who sell Solomon into slavery. How is it even possible to sell a free citizen? How do they convince Solomon to come with them?
2. What experiences discourage Solomon from repeated attempts to explain his situation, and to try escaping slavery?
3. Describe the variety in treatment that Solomon and other slaves receive from different masters, and note what details are most surprising to you.
4. Describe some aspects of slave culture that you find interesting or surprising (religion, relationships, behavior, dress, labor, etc.)
5. Describe your reaction to the end of the film. What feelings are you left with? How else could the film have ended? Why would the director choose to close the film as he did?