**Amos Fortune, Free Man** from Los Angeles City College Cyber Writing Center

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Please discuss the following questions regarding pp. 73-108 of Amos Fortune.

1. What kind of things does Amos ask Lydia? Why does he ask her these things (p. 78-80) ?

2. What happened to Lydia only one year after Amos bought her? How do you think she passed this year? Was it a good idea that Amos “bought” her? Why or why not?

3. What is the attitude of the White people that Amos does business with? For example, the man who gives him a hat?

4. What happens on the day that Violet is free? What do they do? How does Violet’s daughter feel?

5. How had Violet’s life changed? What was the difference between her life as a slave and as a free woman? (p. 94-5)

6. Where are Amos and Violet going on their journey? Why? How did Amos feel?

7. How did the police treat Amos and his family when they arrived? How did Amos react?

8. What does Amos talk about with the parson? Where do they go?

9. Where did the family sleep that night? How did they feel about their new life? How did you feel about your new life when you first came to this country?