"The People Could Fly" Questions

1.p. 358: The short story states that many years ago in Africa, there were people who knew magic and had black, shiny wings; consequently, they could fly. When they were captured and brought to America on boats to be slaves, they shed their wings because it was "too crowded" on the slave ships.

a. If these people shed their wings once they were captured and oppressed, of what are the wings **SYMBOLIC**? In other words, what do the wings represent?

b. What does flying represent when Sarah flies after hear Toby's magic words?

c. What could the terms "Father" and "Daughter" mean? "Father" is symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_

and "Daughter" is symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. There are at least five **metaphors** on page 359. Provide two.

a.

b.

3. Why do the people who cannot fly tell their children about the people who can fly? What does it give them?