

## Aunt Dinah's Messy Kitchen

This activity accompanies chapter 14 from *Uncle Tom's Cabin* as told to children by Harriet Beecher Stowe, told by H.E. Marshal, record number 4869.

**Activity Title:** Aunt Dinah's Messy Kitchen

**Description:** The students will complete a cause and effect chart telling why Aunt Dinah's kitchen is messy.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Cause and Effect

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will identify cause and effect in the chapter.

**Materials:**

- *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, chapter 14, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Pencils and paper
- Cause and effect template (below)

**Procedures:**

Read the fourteenth chapter with the students, or have them read it on their own. In this chapter Miss Ophelia begins to straighten up the house and attempts to straighten up the kitchen. Aunt Dinah keeps things a bit messy in the kitchen. Have the students complete the sentences below to explain why Aunt Dinah cannot do certain things. For example, she cannot mix the biscuits on the pastry table because it gets so full of dishes.



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## Uncle Tom's Cabin

Aunt Dinah keeps her kitchen a mess! Fill in the blank to explain why she cannot do certain things, such as mixing biscuits on the pastry table.

1. Aunt Dinah uses the mistress's best saucer for her hair-grease so that

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The table napkins are in the drawer because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Things that need to be washed do not go in the chest because

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Biscuits are not made on the pastry table because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Aunt Dinah does not wash the dishes because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. The onions are in the drawer for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The sweet herbs spill all over the drawer because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Mr. St. Clare doesn't insist that Aunt Dinah's kitchen get clean because

\_\_\_\_\_.



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Aunt Dinah keeps her kitchen a mess! Fill in the blank to explain why she cannot do certain things, such as mixing biscuits on the pastry table.

1. Aunt Dinah uses the mistress's best saucer for her hair-grease so that  
she would have it handy.
2. The table napkins are in the drawer because \_\_\_\_\_  
Aunt Dinah needed to get them washed out some day.
3. Things that need to be washed do not go in the chest because  
she mixes up biscuits, and have her things on it some days.
4. Biscuits are not made on the pastry table because \_\_\_\_\_  
it gets so full of dishes.
5. Aunt Dinah does not wash the dishes because \_\_\_\_\_  
then master would not ever get his dinner.
6. The onions are in the drawer for \_\_\_\_\_  
a stew she was going to make.
7. The sweet herbs spill all over the drawer because \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Ophelia is a-tumblin' things all up.
8. Mr. St. Clare doesn't insist that Aunt Dinah's kitchen get clean because  
Dinah is too old to mend her ways.

