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## Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

You are about to go back in time to the days when slavery existed in the United States. As you move back in time, you will get a chance to meet a brave runaway slave named Harriet Tubman, who risked her life to help others find freedom. Stick around, you will also learn about the swift, secret way in which Tubman helped other slaves escape to the North through the underground railroad!

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### Find It!

Use the World Book "Search" tool to find the answers to the questions below. Since this activity is about Harriet Tubman, you can find the answers by searching the keywords "Harriet Tubman."

Start by reading the article. Then read the statements below and decide if each statement about Harriet Tubman is true. Write YES next to the statement that is TRUE. Write NO next to the statement that is FALSE.

(YES) True, (NO) False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a famous leader of the underground railroad.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The underground railroad was a secret system of underground trains that helped slaves escape to the North.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Admirers called me Moses after the Biblical figure who led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ My real name is Amirah Ross.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ My mother taught me knowledge of the outdoors that later helped me in my rescue missions.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ When I was a child, I tried to stop a slave supervisor from punishing my father.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ A slave supervisor fractured my skull with a metal weight.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I interpreted the blackouts I suffered from as messages from God.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I married John Tubman, another slave, in 1844.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I escaped from slavery in 1859.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ I made 19 trips back to the South help liberate other slaves.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 made it a crime to capture runaway slaves.

Write the answers to each question in the space provided below.

13. How did Harriet Tubman keep people from threatening the success of her rescue operations?
  
14. Name three groups of people who helped Harriet Tubman on underground railroad?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  
15. Describe how Harriet avoided capture during two separate rescue missions.
  
16. How many slaves did Tubman liberate before the American Civil War?
  
17. What did the radical white abolitionist John Brown tell Tubman when she met him, and did she approve of his plan?
  
18. What happened to John Brown?
  
19. How did Tubman help the Union Army during the Civil War?
  
20. What heroic act did Tubman do along the Combahee River in South Carolina during the Civil War?
  
21. What two things did Tubman do upon returning to Auburn after the war?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  
22. When did Harriet Tubman die?

## Underground Railroad

### Map It!

In the World Book article “Underground railroad,” find the map “Underground railroad.” Study the map to answer the questions below.

23. Name two ways runaways could get to Canada if they were passing through Illinois (IL).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

24. What path did runaway slaves take from the Kansas Territory (Kans. Terr.) to get to Canada?

### Find It!

Since this activity is about the underground railroad, you can find the answers by searching the key words “Underground railroad.” Start by reading the article. Then answer the questions below.

25. What was the underground railroad?

26. Why did Americans call it the underground railroad?

27. What groups of people helped the runaway slaves?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

28. What did the people on the underground railroad provide for the runaway slaves?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

29. What three places served as major havens for runaway slaves?
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
30. The most heavily traveled routes of the underground railroad ran through what six states?
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
  6. \_\_\_\_\_
31. Name four cities that were major hubs on the underground railroad.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
32. Name the two Quakers who became famous for their contributions to the underground railroad.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
33. What contribution did the two Quakers (from Question 32) make to the underground railroad?
34. Who was known as the “father of the underground railroad” and why?
35. How did the underground railroad lead to the Civil War?

## What's the Word?

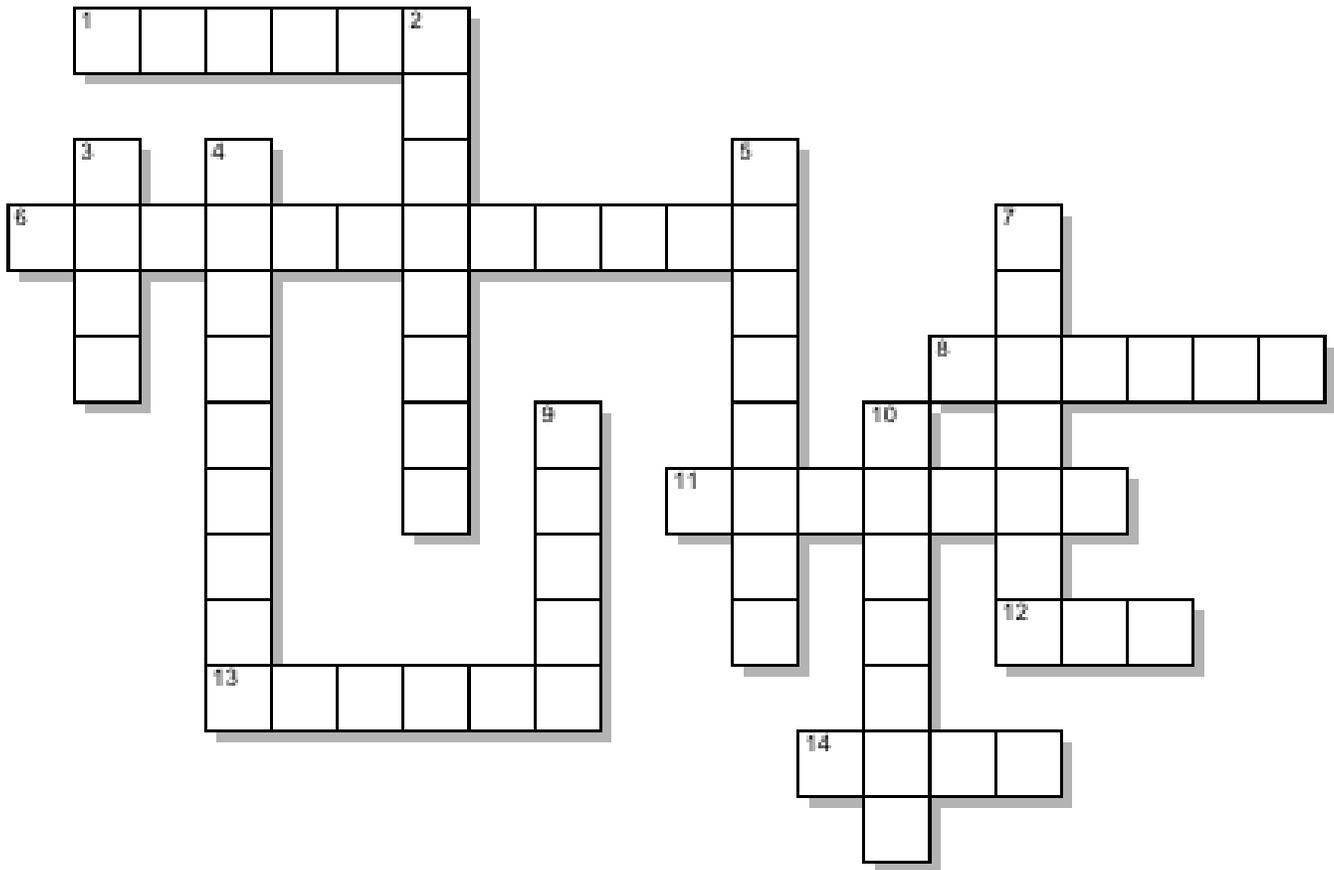
### 36. Crossword Puzzle:

*Across:*

1. City where Tubman took her parents to freedom
6. City where Tubman went after her escape
8. The country where escaped slaves went
11. First name of the famous leader of the underground railroad
12. Tubman served as this for the Union Army
13. People Tubman helped escape
14. Name of Tubman's husband

*Down:*

2. How many rescue trips did Tubman make?
3. One of the underground railroad states
4. Tubman interpreted these as messages from God.
5. State where Tubman was born
7. The religious sect that helped the slaves
9. What Tubman's admirers called her
10. What slaves escaped for





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### Answers:

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. No (Araminta Ross)
5. No (father, not mother)
6. No (another slave, not father)
7. Yes
8. Yes
9. No (John Tubman was a free black man.)
10. No (1849)
11. Yes
12. No (It was a crime to help runaway slaves, not capture them.)
13. Harriet carried a gun and promised to use it on anyone who threatened the success of her operation.
14. She was assisted by
  1. Whites
  2. Free black abolitionists
  3. Quakers
15. On one rescue mission, Tubman and a group of fugitives boarded a southbound train to avoid suspicion. On another mission, Tubman noticed her former master walking toward her. She quickly released a group of chickens and chased after them to avoid being recognized.
16. 300
17. Brown told her of his plan to end slavery by launching a massive slave revolt. Tubman approved of his plan.
18. John Brown was arrested and executed in 1859.
19. Tubman served as a nurse, scout, and spy for the Union Army.
20. She helped free more than 750 slaves.
21. She spoke in support of women's rights and she established the Harriet Tubman Home for elderly and needy African Americans.
22. She died on March 10, 1913.
23. Slaves could escape through Illinois by going through Detroit, MI or over Lake Michigan and Lake Huron into Canada.

24. By traveling on the underground railroad through parts of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois to Chicago, and up Lake Michigan and Lake Huron into Canada.
25. The underground railroad was an informal system that helped slaves in the southern United States escape to the northern United States, Canada, and other places that prohibited slavery during the mid-1800's.
26. Americans called it the underground railroad because of the swift, secret way in which the slaves escaped.
27.
  1. Whites
  2. Free blacks
  3. Other slaves
  4. Abolitionists
28.
  1. Food
  2. Clothing
  3. Directions
  4. Places to hide
29. The major havens for runaway slaves were 1) Boston, 2) Detroit, and 3) southern Ontario, Canada.
30. The most heavily traveled routes of the underground railroad ran through 1) Maryland, 2) Delaware, 3) Kentucky in the South, 4) Ohio, 5) Indiana, and 6) Pennsylvania in the North.
31. 1) Washington, D.C.; 2) Baltimore; 3) Philadelphia; and 4) New York City were major hubs on the underground railroad.
32. 1) Levi Coffin, 2) Thomas Garrett
33. Levi Coffin and Thomas Garrett helped at least 5,000 slaves escape.
34. William Still was known as the "father of the underground railroad." He sheltered hundreds of fugitives in his Philadelphia home and published the underground railroad first history in 1872.
35. The success of the underground railroad angered many people and contributed to the hostility between North and South.
36. Crossword Puzzle. Answers 1-14.

*Across*

1. Auburn
6. Philadelphia
8. Canada
11. Harriet
12. Spy
13. Slaves
14. John

*Down*

2. Nineteen
3. Ohio
4. Blackouts
5. Maryland
7. Quakers
9. Moses
10. Freedom