

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

escape from slavery

WRITE ABOUT IT REACHING SAFETY: HEROES FOR THE CAUSE

Have you explored all the resources in “Reaching Safety: Heroes for the Cause”? To start, listen to the story of the runaway slave, then click around the scene to learn how some abolitionists helped fugitives reach freedom. In the audio slideshow, you’ll learn more about abolitionists and the movement to end slavery. Then try the “Harriet Tubman Web Quest,” to learn about the life of this brave woman who risked her life to guide hundreds of enslaved African Americans to freedom. After you’ve explored these resources, answer these questions.

1. Were runaway slaves free once they reached the Northern states? Explain your answer.

2. Who were the abolitionists? How did they spread their message?

3. What are some ways that abolitionists helped runaways on the Underground Railroad?

4. Did all abolitionists support the Underground Railroad? Why or why not?

5. Why was it so dangerous for people to help runaway slaves?

6. Who was Harriet Tubman? How do you think she and the Northern abolitionists helped each other’s cause?
