

# The Underground Railroad



**These are new words to practice.  
Say each word 10 times.**

\* underground

\* network

\* railroad

\* stations

\* slavery

\* passengers

\* allowed

\* conductors

**Choose one new word to write.**

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The Underground Railroad was not a real railroad. It was not for trains. It was not under the ground. What was it? Long ago, slavery was allowed in the United States. It was allowed in the South. Slavery is when one person owns another person. Slaves were brought from Africa. They were sold to different people. They were forced to work. They had to do what their owners said.

Slavery is wrong. You cannot own a person. Many people knew slavery was wrong. They wanted to free the slaves. You could not own slaves in the North. Slavery was not allowed. Some slaves tried to run away. They wanted to go north to Canada. They wanted to be free. They wanted to go where slavery was not allowed.

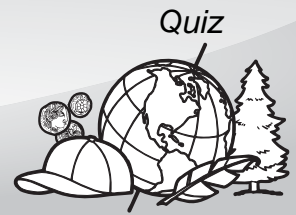
The Underground Railroad was a network of people. The people helped runaway slaves. Safe houses were called stations. Passengers were runaway slaves. Conductors were leaders. Conductors led slaves to where they could be free. They led their passengers to different stations. They led their passengers from safe house to safe house. They were in danger all the time.

Harriet Tubman was a famous conductor. Tubman was born a slave. When she was 28, she found out she was going to be sold. She ran away that night. She went by herself. She walked to freedom. It was a long, hard trip. She was in danger all the time. Tubman went back to the South 19 times. She led more than 300 slaves to freedom. Slave owners offered large rewards for her capture. Still, Tubman would not stop.

On one trip, Tubman was dressed like an old woman. She saw her old owner. She began to chase a chicken. Her old owner laughed. He thought the old woman was silly. He did not know it was Tubman! He did not know it was the woman everyone wanted to capture!



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After reading the story, answer the questions.  
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. This story is mainly about

- (a) war
- (b) trains
- (c) the South
- (d) freeing slaves

2. When Harriet Tubman led runaway slaves north to Canada, she was a \_\_\_\_\_ on the Underground Railroad.

- (a) station
- (b) passenger
- (c) conductor
- (d) safe house

3. Think about how the word *teacher* relates to the word *student*. What words relate in the same way?

**teacher : student**

- (a) train : slave
- (b) north : south
- (c) station : safe house
- (d) conductor : passenger

4. Why would Harriet Tubman dress up like an old woman?

- (a) so she could be captured
- (b) so no one would know who she was
- (c) so her passengers would not know who she was
- (d) so she could look silly and make people laugh

5. How many times did Harriet Tubman go back to the south?

- (a) 19
- (b) 28
- (c) 300
- (d) 1,861

# Answer Key



## Fishing on a Giraffe's Back

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. c

## Bringing Land to Water

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. c      5. b
- 3. d

## A Humbug Insect

- 1. b      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. a

## New Zealand Exchange Student

- 1. b      4. c
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. d

## Mike Fink and The Mississippi

- 1. c      4. c
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. a

## Not Enough Trees for a House

- 1. a      4. d
- 2. b      5. a
- 3. b

## Where Was Ride?

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. a

## One-Room School House

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. b      5. b
- 3. d

## A Law About Spinning

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. c      5. c
- 3. a

## A Muddy Joke

- 1. a      4. c
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. a

## A Spelling Lesson

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. c

## The Ojibwe and Maple Sugar

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. b      5. a
- 3. c

## Guts Enough Not to Fight Back

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. b

## Ambulance of the Seas

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. b

## A Supreme Court Case

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. c

## A House Without Doors

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. c

## Pictures that Teach

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. c

## True Stories About Coins

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. d

## The Great Lakes

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. a

## Great Grandpa and the Mine

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. d

## Sitting Bull

- 1. b      4. c
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. d

## Arrested for Voting

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. b      5. a
- 3. c

## All About Milk

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. a

## A Symbol of Hope

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. d      5. d
- 3. a

## Saved from Rabies

- 1. a      4. c
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. d

## How Canada Got Its Name

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. c      5. b
- 3. d

## Cattle Drive

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. d

## What the President Can't Do

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. b

## "Go for Broke"

- 1. a      4. a
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. b

## Tomato Story

- 1. a      4. c
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. b

## The Oregon Trail

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. a

## The Man Who Didn't Wear Socks

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. d

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- 1. d      4. b
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. d

## A Store Like No Other

- 1. a      4. d
- 2. c      5. d
- 3. b

## Following the Crops

- 1. b      4. c
- 2. c      5. b
- 3. d

## Seward's Icebox

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. d

## Making Congress Fair

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. b      5. a
- 3. d

## Medical Detective

- 1. a      4. c
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. d

## What the Shoes Told

- 1. d      4. d
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. a

## Work Parties

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. a

## The Rockies

- 1. a      4. d
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. d

## Twelve People in a Box

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. c

## True Stories About Money

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. b      5. a
- 3. d

## Fighting Fire!

- 1. b      4. b
- 2. c      5. c
- 3. d