

## **ACTIVITY GUIDE**

### **AMERICA’S JOURNEY THROUGH SLAVERY: HARRIET TUBMAN AND HER ESCAPE TO FREEDOM**

#### **Program Overview and Objective:**

This guide was developed as a supplement to be used in conjunction with the program “Harriet Tubman and Her Escape to Freedom”.

This program focuses on the life and times of Harriet Tubman and how she overcame incredible odds and succeeded not only in gaining freedom for herself, but for over 300 other enslaved people. Through re-enactments and animated maps, this program chronicles her life and demonstrates her courage as a conductor on the Underground Railroad.

#### **WHOLE CLASS ACTIVITIES**

##### ***Whole Class Activity #1***

Create a timeline that outlines the life and times of Harriet Tubman.

##### ***Whole Class Activity #2***

Provide students with a map of the United States and trace the route Harriet Tubman took to freedom from Delaware to Pennsylvania. Discuss the challenges enslaved people from other southern states would have taken to the north.

#### **SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES**

##### ***Small Group Activity #1***

Have your students write a poem or a song about Harriet Tubman.

***Small Group Activity #2***

Ask students to pretend to be a television station in Pennsylvania in 1850. Have them do an investigative report on the Underground Railroad. They can interview a fugitive slave, conductor and stationmaster. Have them deliver the report as a skit in front of the class.

**INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES**

***Individual Activity #1***

Have each student pretend they escaped slavery on the Underground railroad with Harriet Tubman as their conductor. Ask them to write a thank you letter to Harriet Tubman.

***Individual Activity #2***

Ask students to draw a picture of an important event in the life of Harriet Tubman.

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