

BUILDING A FREE NATION

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Harriet Tubman:
The Moses of Her People

Book Summary

Harriet Tubman's journey from slavery to freedom, her work to bring other slaves to freedom, and her fight to end slavery in America.

Author's Intention

Tell the story of slavery and the fight to end slavery in America through the life of Harriet Tubman.

INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a Question About the Meaning of Idioms
- Beginning, Middle, and End
- Cause and Effect
- Claims and Evidence
- Identify Character Actions
- Identify Details
- Make a Prediction
- Make a Problem / Solution
- True or False

Science Topics

Polaris (North Star)

Read a map to learn how to find Polaris in the night sky, watch a video, and follow directions to learn how the North Star stays in the same place in the night sky.

Hot Air Balloons | Watch a video to learn how hot air balloons fly.

Submarines | Compare and contrast submarines from the Civil War and today.

Social Studies Topics

Underground Railroad

Watch a video to learn about the people who helped runaway slaves escape to freedom, and read an article about Milton House (a station on the Underground Railroad).

Slavery

Graph the number of slaves in America before and during the Civil War, discover creative ways some slaves escaped to freedom, and learn how bounty hunters made money catching runaway slaves.

Civil War | Read facts about lighter-than-air balloons used to spy on enemy troops.

Abolition

Read a timeline of the fight against slavery between 1826 and 1865, and learn about the life of famous African-American abolitionist, Frederick Douglass.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Graph
- Map
- Timeline

Selected Sight Words

another, found, had, helped*, like*, money, never, not*, sometimes, they, took, would
 *AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

abolitionist, axis, balloonist, Big Dipper, bounty, bounty hunters, bully, crew, equal rights, helium, illegal, lift, North Star, Polaris, slaves, spy, submarine, torpedo, Underground Railroad

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Instructional Terms Taught

argue / argument, article, biography, cause, character, claim, compare, contrast, describe / description, details, directions, effect, explain, evidence, fact, graph, identify, idiom, map, opinion, problem, setting, sidebar, solution, timeline

FUNCTIONAL LITERACY / LIFE SKILLS

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Developing Interpersonal Skills
- Communicating with Others
- Good Decision Making

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

