

## Exhibition Reference Materials: Online Teacher Resources

From The Programming Guide for *Through Darkness to Light: Photographs Along the Underground Railroad*  
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The National Endowment for the Humanities has lesson ideas for grades three through five that features using primary sources such as slave narratives to teach aspects of U.S. history.

<https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/slave-narratives-constructing-us-history-through-analyzing-primary-sources#sect-activities>

The Southern Poverty Law Center has a Teaching Tolerance website that has great information for teaching the history of slavery in the classroom.

<http://www.tolerance.org/magazine/number-46-spring-2014/feature/tongue-tied>

PBS has lesson ideas for elementary/middle/and high school levels inspired by their series Slavery and the Making of America. This content teaches students that slavery was part of the founding of America, dating back to the British colonies (much earlier than pre Civil War era). Students explore perspectives from that of a slave, runaway slave, slave owner, and British soldier.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/teachers/lesson1.html>

The U.S History Scene is a multimedia education website composed of historians and educators from more than fifty universities dedicated to providing students and teachers with easy access to premier digital resources. This link directs to helpful content about teaching slavery to students in the classroom.

<http://ushistoryscene.com/article/teaching-slavery/>

PBS has middle school appropriate lesson ideas related to the history of the Underground Railroad inspired by the PBS DVD Underground Railroad: The William Still story.

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/shows/list/underground-railroad/classroom/>

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, has lesson ideas for varied grade levels on its website about Underground Railroad vocabulary.

<http://freedomcenter.org/educators/lesson-plans>

The National Park Service has an amazing resource inspired by the songs featured on the CD included with the education materials that travel with this show. Lesson ideas address many of the song lyrics and invite students to listen to the song and discuss what the words mean in relation to the Underground Railroad.

<https://www.nps.gov/jazz/learn/education/upload/FREEDOM-IS-COMING-lesson-plans.pdf>

Yale University's Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition features helpful teaching tools such as documents, photographs, and other archival material useful for teaching about the history of slavery.

<http://dev.glc.yale.edu/outreach/teacher-programs/third-party-online-teaching-resources>

## **Frederick Douglass**

The History Channel has an online video and text about the life and work of Frederick Douglass.

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/frederick-douglass>

As part of online resources about slavery in America, PBS has a brief biography of Frederick Douglass and links to other related topics.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p1539.html>

The National Park Service has online biographical information about Frederick Douglass' life and work.

<https://www.nps.gov/frdo/learn/historyculture/people.htm>

The University of North Carolina has a documenting the American South website that features information about Frederick Douglass.

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/douglass/bio.html>

The Library of Congress has an online Frederick Douglass collection of papers (approximately 7,400 items) notes, parts of his handwritten autobiography, photographs and more.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/frederick-douglass-papers/about-this-collection/>

## **Abolitionists**

The History Channel website has general information about the abolitionist movement.

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/abolitionist-movement>

Cornell University library has resources online about the origins of abolitionism, slave narratives, excerpts from prominent abolitionists and their strategies.

<http://rml.library.cornell.edu/abolitionism/abolitionists.htm>

The Library of Congress has a wealth of materials online related to the abolitionist movement including anti-slavery publications, minutes from an early anti-slavery meeting, advertisements and more.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/afam005.html>

Temple University in Philadelphia has the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection that houses William Still papers dating from 1865–1899. Links to additional resources and information about William Still can be found on this site.

<http://stillfamily.library.temple.edu/historical-perspective/william-still-significance>

This site features PBS video excerpts from *The Underground Railroad: the William Still Story*, a film produced by PBS in 2012.

<http://www.pbs.org/video/2181724307/>

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

This is a Library of Congress web guide site that contains links to more information, documents, and support materials about the history of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the United States Constitution that was adopted in 1865 and that made slavery illegal.

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/13thamendment.html>

### **Artist Jeanine Michna-Bales**

This is the photographer's website whose images relating to the Underground Railroad are featured in this exhibition.

<http://www.jmbalesphotography.com/>

### **Debunking Myths About the Underground Railroad**

This website presents researched information about interpretation of the lyrics to the song Follow the Drinking Gourd and examines what is likely fact and what is likely a folktale.

[http://www.followthedrinkinggourd.org/What\\_The\\_Lyrics\\_Mean.htm](http://www.followthedrinkinggourd.org/What_The_Lyrics_Mean.htm)

This Scholastic website features helpful information for teachers and activities and primary source resources online for students. A page devoted to debunking myths about the underground railroad is also included.

[http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/underground\\_railroad/index.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/underground_railroad/index.htm)

The American Heroes Channel produced a short video that debunks folklore and myth surrounding the history of the Underground Railroad.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLrLojdBNc>

### **Underground Railroad History and Historic Sites**

The National Park Service has a Network to Freedom website that contains lesson plans, a junior ranger booklet, an interactive map and more.

[https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/ntf\\_member/ntf\\_member\\_database.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/ntf_member/ntf_member_database.htm)

The Northern Kentucky University has a website with photographs of Underground railroad sites and lesson plans.

<http://www.nku.edu/~dallmerd/undergroundrr/>

The National Park Service has an online listing of underground railroad sites listed by state with clickable links to descriptions of each site.

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/underground/states.htm>

This page on the History Channel features a video and general information about Harriet Tubman.

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/underground-railroad>

PBS presents a website about the film *The William Still Story* that contains a listing of locations of various historic sites and other cultural institutions that relate the story of the Underground Railroad.

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/shows/list/underground-railroad/locations/>

Maryland Public Television has a website that features classroom resources, history, and answers to general questions about the Underground Railroad.

<http://pathways.thinkport.org/about/>

Historian Anthony Cohen, the founder of the Menare Foundation Inc. (dedicated to preserving and interpreting Underground Railroad History) is featured on this short video. He describes retracing one of the routes of the Underground Railroad by personally walking it on foot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXjaFF1OImk>

## **Fugitive Slave Acts**

The History Channel features webpages that describe the federal laws that allowed the capture and return of runaway slaves within the territory of the United States.

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/fugitive-slave-acts>

## **Secret Codes and Messages**

Chatham Manor, a mansion that is part of a National Park Service site in Fredericksburg, VA, has recorded an excellent presentation by Jim Thomas who has spent much of his life researching the codes and secret messages of spirituals in context.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMbiEdGjLUo>

This video produced by Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, North Carolina, gives a six minute introduction of the Underground railroad and stories/legends about communication tools (although scholars dispute the use of quilts as communicating messages).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlwDAwKNftU>

## **The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**

This museum is located in Cincinnati, Ohio and features information about heroes of the Underground Railroad, history, and other resources.

<http://www.freedomcenter.org/>

## Harriet Tubman

This PBS website features general information about the Underground Railroad, links to historic documents about the slave trade and slavery, and pages about Harriet Tubman among other topics and significant individuals from the time period.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p1535.html>

This page on the History Channel features a video and general information about Harriet Tubman.

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/underground-railroad>

This succinct biography is produced by the National Women's History Museum and features links to other web resources and a short bibliography.

<https://www.nwhm.org/education-resources/biography/biographies/harriet-tubman/>

The Library of Congress provides a brief timeline of Harriet Tubman and links to topics related to her life.

[http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/tubman/aa\\_tubman\\_subj.html#more](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/tubman/aa_tubman_subj.html#more)

This Harriet Tubman website is produced by the author of *Bound for the Promised Land*, Kate Clifford Larson, a scholar who has extensively researched Harriet Tubman's life. The site features a biography, myths and facts, and links to other resources.

<http://www.harriettubmanbiography.com/>

The State of Maryland has a Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Park features a scenic byway and visitor center that commemorates the life of Harriet Tubman.

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/Pages/eastern/tubman.aspx>

This PDF document produced by the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Park features Harriet Tubman myths and facts.

[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/Documents/HTUGRR\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/Documents/HTUGRR_Booklet.pdf)

The Library of Congress features an array of online resources about Harriet Tubman—links to historic documents and photographs.

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/tubman/>

This PBS page contains fun facts about Harriet Tubman.

[http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/harriet-tubman/#.WBo\\_8CMrJhE](http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/harriet-tubman/#.WBo_8CMrJhE)

## Slave narratives

The Library of Congress has more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. These materials were collected in the 1930s as part of the Works Progress Administration.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938/about-this-collection/>

The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill has created a website about documenting the American South that features North American Slave Narratives in book or article form.

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/>