

# Black History

## HARRIET TUBMAN



### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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Tubman became known for her work with the Underground Railroad, a secret network of safe houses and activists that helped enslaved people escape to freedom. She made more than 13 missions to rescue enslaved people, often using the alias "Moses" to guide them to freedom. She also served as a scout, spy, and nurse for the Union Army during the American Civil War.

After the war, Tubman settled in Auburn, New York, where she became an advocate for women's suffrage and worked alongside Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She opened her home as a home for the aged and advocated for the rights of African Americans and women throughout her life.

Tubman's incredible story of resilience, courage, and leadership made her a symbol of freedom and hope for generations of African Americans. In 2020, the U.S. Treasury announced that Harriet Tubman will be the new face of the 20\$ bill, making her the first African American to be featured on U.S. paper currency and the first woman in more than a century.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- How did Harriet Tubman's experiences as a slave impact her health?
  - She developed a resistance to illnesses
  - She suffered injuries, including a head blow leading to seizures
  - She remained in perfect health throughout her life
  - She became a skilled nurse despite her hardships
- What network did Harriet Tubman actively participate in to aid enslaved people in their escape to freedom?
  - Women's suffrage movement

## ANSWER QUESTIONS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ the Confederate Army  
\_\_\_\_\_ safe houses for Union soldiers  
\_\_\_\_\_ spy for the Union Army

\_\_\_\_\_ alias when guiding enslaved people to freedom?

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4. In which city did Harriet Tubman settle after the American Civil War?

- New York City
- Auburn, New York
- Philadelphia
- Maryland

5. What milestone did Harriet Tubman achieve in 2020?

- Becoming the first woman to serve in the Union Army
- Being featured on U.S. paper currency
- Establishing a home for the aged in Auburn
- Leading the women's suffrage movement alongside Susan B. Anthony.

## READING COMPREHENSION

## ANSWERS

1. Certainly! Here are the answers to the questions.
- Where was Harriet Tubman born?  
Answer: b. Maryland
  - How did Harriet Tubman contribute to the Underground Railroad?  
Answer: a. As a conductor/guiding enslaved people to freedom
  - What was Tubman's alias when guiding enslaved people to freedom?  
Answer: c. Moses
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Answer: c. Underground Railroad
  - What role did Harriet Tubman play during the American Civil War?  
Answer: b. Union Army scout, spy, and nurse
- For escaping slavery, where did Harriet Tubman find refuge and initially find refuge and help?
- How did Harriet Tubman contribute to the abolitionist movement?
- What role did Harriet Tubman play during the American Civil War?
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7. How did Harriet Tubman actively participate in to aid enslaved people to freedom?  
a. Through the Underground Railroad  
b. Through the Emancipation Movement  
c. Through the Railroad network  
d. Through the American Civil War

8. What role did Harriet Tubman play during the American Civil War?  
a. As a soldier  
b. As a scout, spy, and nurse  
c. As a Railroad conductor  
d. As a plantation owner

9. After escaping slavery, where did Harriet Tubman initially find refuge and become involved in the abolitionist movement?  
a. Philadelphia  
b. New York  
c. Auburn  
d. Baltimore

10. What was Harriet Tubman's primary motivation for her activism?  
a. Her own desire for freedom  
b. Her sympathy for the enslaved  
c. Her religious beliefs  
d. Her political views

11. What social cause did Harriet Tubman champion during the American Civil War?  
a. Women's rights  
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c. Labor rights  
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- Where was Harriet Tubman born?
  - New York
  - Maryland
  - Philadelphia
  - Auburn
- How did Harriet Tubman contribute to the Underground Railroad?
  - As a conductor guiding enslaved people to freedom
  - As a nurse for the Confederate Army
  - By establishing safe houses for Union soldiers
  - By working as a spy for the Union Army
- What was Tubman's alias when guiding enslaved people to freedom?
  - Susan B. Anthony
  - Elizabeth Cady Stanton
  - Moses
  - Underground Railroad

## ANSWERS

Certainly! Here are the answers to the provided multiple-choice questions:

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- In which city did Harriet Tubman settle after the American Civil War?  
Answer: b. Auburn, New York
- What milestone did Harriet Tubman achieve in 2020?  
Answer: b. Being featured on US paper currency
- How did Harriet Tubman's experiences as a slave impact her health?  
Answer: b. She suffered injuries, including a head blow leading to seizures
- What network did Harriet Tubman actively participate in to aid enslaved people in their escape to freedom?  
Answer: c. Underground Railroad
- What role did Harriet Tubman play during the American Civil War?  
Answer: b. Union Army scout, spy, and nurse
- After escaping slavery, where did Harriet Tubman initially find refuge and become involved in the abolitionist movement?  
Answer: a. Philadelphia
- In addition to her activism, what social cause did Harriet Tubman champion after the American Civil War?  
Answer: c. Women's suffrage

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QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

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**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases that make you think.
- ✓ Write an exclamation point next to something interesting.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

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MAIN IDEA \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

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