# Brandon Valley School District District Learning Plan May 4-8, 2020

**Grade 5 Social Studies** 



#### **Brandon Valley School District Distance Learning Plan**

LESSON/UNIT: Underground Railroad SUBJECT/GRADE: Social Studies/5th DATES: May 4-8, 2020

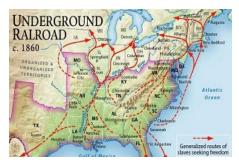
What do students need to do?	<ul> <li>Monday, May 4 Read the weekly schedule handout to get an idea of what you will be doing for the week! Read in the Underground Railroad magazine, pages 2 - 5.</li> </ul>				
Link to BV instructional video for week of May 4-8, 2020	<ul> <li>Tuesday, May 5 Read in the Underground Railroad magazine, pages 6 - 7. After you have completed the reading, fill out the Heroes and Helpers chart.</li> </ul>				
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	<ul> <li>Thursday, May 7 Today you will be participating in an Underground Railroad simulation! Use the handout called the Underground Railroad recording sheet to record the choices you made on your journey.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Friday, May 8 Today you will be writing the Journal Summary from the Underground Railroad simulation. The Journal Summary is at the end of the Underground Railroad recording sheet that you used yesterday on the simulation.</li> </ul>				
What do students need	1. Heroes and Helpers chart				
to bring back to school?	Underground Railroad simulation recording sheet and summary				
What standards do the lessons cover?	5.H.2.3 Identify the key changes leading to and resulting from growth and invention in the U.S. between the Revolution and 1865.				
	5.H.2.4 Evaluate the influence, impact, and interactions of various cultures, philosophies, and religions on the development of the U.S.				
	5.H.3.1 Explain why individuals and groups during the same historical period can differ in their perspectives.				
What materials do students need? What extra resources can students use?	Need:  Underground Railroad magazine (contact your teacher if you do not have this)  Heroes and Helpers chart  Underground Railroad simulation powerpoint  Underground Railroad simulation recording sheet and summary  pencil				
What can students do if they finish early?	Watch CNN10 daily student news program <a href="https://www.cnn.com/cnn10">https://www.cnn.com/cnn10</a>				

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#### Instructional materials are posted below (if applicable)

Brandon Valley School District

## All Aboard.....the Underground Railroad?!?



There were no trains to ride on the Underground Railroad. There were no tickets. It wasn't a railroad or under the ground. The Underground Railroad was a secret network that helped runaway enslaved people from the South escape to freedom!

#### Schedule for the week of May 4 - 8:

**Monday, May 4** -- Read in the Underground Railroad magazine, pages 2 - 5. Read carefully as you will use this information later in the week!

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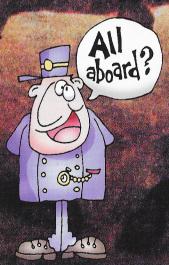
Thursday, May 7 -- Today you will be completing an Underground Railroad simulation! You will need the Underground Railroad simulation slides and Underground Railroad simulation recording sheet. You may open the simulation slides on the computer or print them out. Make sure to read the instructions on SLIDE 2 before you start the simulation.

**Friday, May 8** -- Today you will be writing the Journal Summary from the Underground Railroad simulation. First, I would like you to review through your simulation journey from yesterday. Then, look at the very last slide in the simulation for the instructions on how to write your Journal Summary.

Underground Railroad

NO TRAINS NO TRACKS NO TICKETS

SECRET SIGNS
HODEN ROOMS
CODE NAMES





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# Railroad?

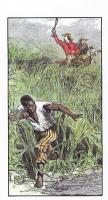
#### There were no trains to ride on the Underground Railroad. There were no tickets. It wasn't a railroad or under the ground. The Underground Railroad was a secret network that helped runaway enslaved people from the South escape to freedom. A network is a group of connected people. It included people of both European and African descent (that means they or their relatives came from Europe or Africa). Nobody knows exactly how many people "rode" the Underground Railroad or how many helped them. We do know that they all showed courage and took risks. Step aboard to hear stories of bravery, danger, and the determination to fight for freedom.



A FAMOUS STATION
was Levi Coffin's
house in Newport,
Indiana. Scholars
think the railroad
got its name from
slave hunters
searching for 17
freedom seekers
who had safely

moved on from Coffin's house. "They declared that there must be an Underground Railroad, of which I was president," Coffin remembered. The network had its name.

THESE MEN (TOP) are slave hunters. Even though slavery had ended in the North, people who had escaped weren't safe there. The United States had laws that said runaways had to be returned to their owners. Slaveholders offered rewards. so slave hunters made money tracking down



escaped people and returning them to the South.



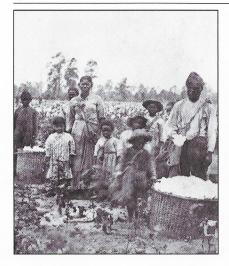
Railroad wasn't used until the 1840s. But helping enslaved people escape dates back at least to the mid-1600s in the United States. Networks to freedom probably began in the 1780s. That's when the idea of emancipation (freedom from slavery) started taking hold in the North. The Underground Railroad existed



between 1830 and 1865. During that time, slavery was legal all through the South. Millions of enslaved people were forced to work on plantations there. The Underground Railroad workers led fugitives (runaways) to northern states, where slavery was against the law. From there, many went to Canada. But most fugitives escaped without any outside help. The Underground Railroad operated mostly in the North but also in the slave states that lay on the border between North and South.







**⋖** Most enslaved people worked 14-hour days. From sunup to sundown, field workers planted, tended, and picked cotton. They had to pick a certain amount every day. The overseer - a boss - watched them work. He whipped anyone he thought was not working hard enough.

#### ➤ People caught trying to escape from slavery were whipped and sometimes sold to slave traders. Enslaved people were denied basic rights. They were not allowed to become American citizens or to vote. They were not entitled to fair treatment under the law. Many southern states passed tough laws to control

▼ In 1793, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. This machine made it possible to remove the

seeds from cotton

hundreds of times



enslaved people. In many states, they weren't even allowed to learn to read or write.

faster than by hand. As a result, cotton, which had been expensive, became much cheaper to use. So business owners built factories to make cloth. Then plantations needed more workers to keep up with the demand for cotton from the factories.



# **SLAVERY** in the South

Between 1500 and 1800, the Portuguese, Spanish, British, and Dutch brought almost 10 million enslaved Africans to the New World. Most of these people were taken from West Africa. About 500,000 were taken to Britain's mainland colonies, which became the United States. In the South, colonists needed workers for their plantations (large farms where cotton and other crops were grown). European workers were hard to find. Many Native Americans didn't want to do that kind of work (and many had died from the Europeans' diseases). By the late 1600s, planters decided they needed the forced labor of enslaved Africans.



▲ This bar graph compares the populations of free people (both black and white Americans) and enslaved people. The graph

covers the years from 1750 (when America was a British colony) to 1780 (the early United States of America).

➤ When SLAVEHOLDERS NEEDED MONEY, THEY could sell some of the people they held in slavery. They could also hire them out to work for others. The sale or trading of people took place at public slave markets. Husbands, wives, parents, and children were often separated and sold to different buyers.

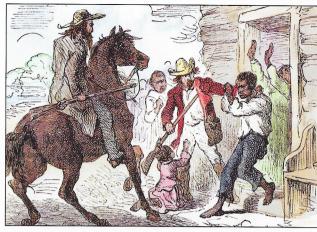
▼ By THE 1790s, many northern states refused to return runaways. Southern lawmakers wanted that to change. The U.S.

# \$150 REWARD

the night of the 2d instant, a negro man, who calls himself Menry May, about 22 years old, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, ordinary color, rather chunky built, bushy head, and has it divided mostly on one side, and keeps it very nicely combed; has been raised in the house, and is a first rate dining-room servant, and was in a favern in Louisville for 18 months. I expect he is now in Louisville their.

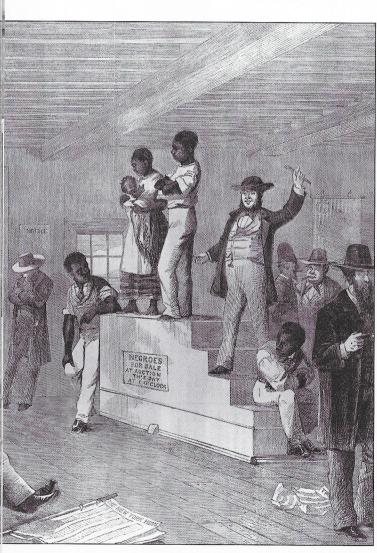
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Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793. This law allowed slaveholders and slave hunters to go after runaways even in free states. It became a crime to help fugitives or prevent their capture. But in some states, like Vermont, strong antislavery feelings made it almost impossible for slaveholders to get runaways back. Many runaways went to Canada to avoid being caught.



A LATER, CONGRESS passed a second, even stricter law, the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. It set heavy fines for those who helped runaways. They could even go to jail. This law

made life harder for all people of African descent. Even those who were free were not considered citizens and were denied the right to speak in their own defense. So slave hunters could just grab them along with fugitives. Victims had little chance to show they had been falsely taken or mistaken for someone else.





A IN THE NORTH, the cold climate and poor soil conditions were not suited to plantations. So the North built factories, and industry and trade became important. Enslaved people were not needed for the workforce. By 1804, all north-

ern states had laws against slavery, and the United States was divided into free states and slave states.



A NATIONALLY, however, slavery was legally protected and defended. That's partly because slaveholders

controlled the White House, the Senate, and the Supreme Court. In 1860, all U.S. enslaved people combined were worth at least \$3 billion. They were worth more than all other moneymaking "goods" in the country, except land.



**⋖ Born in Mary**land, Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery in 1849. She then made 19 successful trips back to Maryland to lead others to freedom. She was called Moses, after the biblical Moses, who led the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt. Slaveholders offered rewards totaling \$40,000 for her capture. She was fearless - and never lost a passenger.

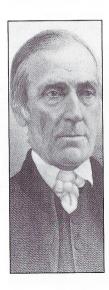


**▲ CONDUCTOR JOHN** Fairfield came from a wealthy slaveholding familv in Virginia. But he was against slavery. To help enslaved people escape, he put on different disquises. He would pretend to be a slave trader, a slaveholder, or a traveling salesman. His southern accent helped him fool slaveholders. Fairfield once sneaked 28 enslaved people over the roads near Cincinnati, Ohio, by hiring a hearse and pretending the group was a funeral procession.

ELIJAH LOVEJOY
published an antislavery newspaper
in Alton, Illinois.
Three times, angry
supporters of slavery wrecked his
printing press. Each
time, he bought a
new one. In 1837,
he was killed trying
to protect his fourth
press from rioters.
Elijah's brother,
Owen Lovejoy
became a stationmaster in Princeton,
Illinois. He built
a secret room
behind a fake wall
in his home. Once
freedom seekers
were safely inside,
a desk covered
the opening. Other
houses had tunnels
that led outside and
hiding places in
attics, cellars, and
closets.



Who were the conductors and stationmasters risking their lives to help others? Some were ordinary farmers and shopkeepers. Others were respected ministers and merchants. Most were people of African descent. They were either free people living in the North or formerly enslaved people who risked getting caught again when they returned south to help others escape. Enslaved people who stayed behind also played an important role in helping others reach freedom.





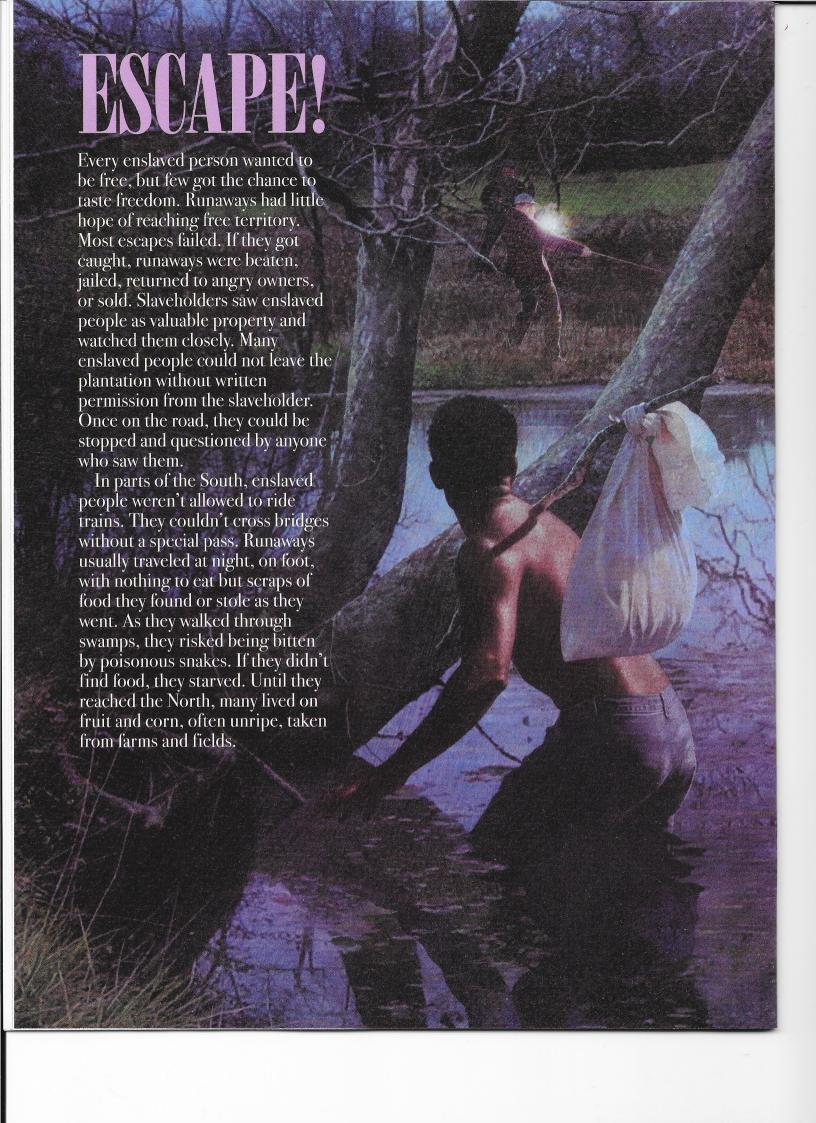
★ Members of A religious group called the Society of Friends, or Quakers, were among the first

Americans to speak out against slavery. They believed no person should be owned by another. Quaker businessman Levi Coffin (far left) raised money for the Underground Railroad and became known as its "president." William Still (near left) was its historian. In 1872. he published The Underground Railroad, one of the first records of the secret network.

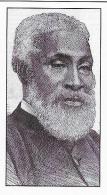


✓ Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in Maryland. He was illegally taught to read and write by the by local schoolboys. He ran away at 21 disguised as a sailor. In the North, Douglass became a famous writer, speaker, and abolitionist – someone who works to abolish, or do away with, slavery. Thousands read his antislavery newspaper, The North Star. His home in Rochester, New York, was a stop on the railroad









A Josiah Henson was an enslaved person who was promised freedom if he earned \$350. Henson worked hard and made the money. Then the slaveholder raised the price to \$1,000. When Henson found out that the slaveholder planned to sell him away from his wife and four children, he decided to run away to Canada. He escaped with his family in 1830.



person carrying food or clothing made people suspicious, so runaways took almost nothing with them. Many left without blankets, bringing only the work clothes they were wearing. As they moved north, they faced rain, snow, and sleet.

➤ SOME LUCKY RUNaways traveled north on real trains or stagecoaches. Some sneaked onto steamships. usually with help from the ship's captain. Most traveled by wagon or on foot. This wagon (right) had a false bottom. Runaways lay down or crouched on the real floor. The wagon driver

covered the space with a false floor, then put straw or sacks of grain on top of it.



in Virginia, Henry "Box" Brown earned his nickname the hard way. He had a carpenter build a wooden box just big enough to sit in. Brown got inside, carrying food and a tool for making airholes in the wood. A friend

nailed the box shut and mailed it to the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society. The trip took 26 hours. Brown spent part of that time upside down. He made it safely. Society members knew he was coming and quickly opened the box.

▼ FRIGHTENED AND
tired, runaways felt
better when they
reached a safe
house. They were
still in danger, but
they knew they
could count on
some food and
rest. The next day,
they got clean
clothes from the
stationmaster and

directions to the next stop on the way north. Ads for the Underground Railroad appeared in northern cities. This one (below), from 1844, pretends to advertise a real railroad. "Seats free," it says, "irrespective of color."



LIBERTY LINE.

NEW ARRANGEMENT---NIGHT AND DA

The improved and splendid Leconnotives, Clarkson and Lundy, with their trains fitted op in the best style of accommodation for passengers, will run their regular trips during the present season, between the broilers of the Patriarchal Dominion and Libertyville, Upper Canada, Gentlemen and Ladies, who may wish to improve their health or circumstances, by a northern four; are respectifully incited to give us sheir patrianges.

Necessary Clothing furnished gratuitously to such a

"Hide the outcasts—let the oppressed go free."—Bible.
To For seats apply at any of the trap doors, or to the conductor of the train.

N. B. For the special benefit of Pro-Stavery Police Officers, an extra heavy wagon for Texas, will be formalished, whenever it may be mecessary, in which they will be forwarded as dead freight, to the "Valley of Rusculs," always at the risk of the owners.

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The Underground Railroad was not one route to freedom, but many. These routes were dirt trails or paths through woods, over fields, and across rivers and swamps. Not many runaways could swim. But they often looked for water crossings. When escapees went into water, the dogs chasing them lost the scents that helped track them. Along these routes were farmhouses, barns, and churches. There, conductors hid runaways for a day or a week, until they could get safely to the next station on their way to freedom. The road to freedom went as far north as Canada.

Y TO REACH Canada, runaways had to go across or around the Great Lakes. Slave hunters knew this. So they waited in

near Niagara

and Detroit,

kept a close

sailing from

these places.

lakeside towns Falls, New York, Michigan. They watch on ships

**⋖ Josiah Henson** was a runaway who became a conductor. In 1842, he set up the Dawn Settlement in Dresden, Canada. There, formerly enslaved people learned new skills and trades that helped them start their new lives.

GENEVA, CASE Western Reserve, and Oberlin are colleges in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Their students and teachers helped runaways get safely to Canada.

#### THINK PIECE!

Many people, both black and white, were involved in two movements in the 1800s: abolition (the fight to end slavery) and women's rights. Why do you think women's rights and African Americans' rights went together?

MOST ESCAPEES who went to Canada settled in towns close to the U.S. border. They still faced prejudice, or unfair treatment because of their race. But in Canada, men of African descent could vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. Families could live wherever they wanted.

OHIO HAD MANY
stops and safe
houses for
runaways. The
Ottawa people of
Ohio were one of
the first groups
to help runaways.
Many Quakers
moved to Ohio,
and so did many
Southerners who
were against
slavery.

IN THE STATES along the North-South border (Maryland, Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, and Delaware), slavery was legal. But they were close to free states. where it was illegal. More runaways escaped to freedom from the border states than from any other area.

PENNSYLVANIA
and New York
State had many
Underground
Railroad routes,
because many
Quakers lived in
Pennsylvania and
New York was on
the border.

A THE UNDER-

ground Railroad

may have started

in Guilford County.

North Carolina, A

group of Quakers

lived there. Some

people believe

that Vestal Coffin and his wife, Althea, were among the first to help enslaved people escape. Vestal was Levi Coffin's cousin.



A Enslaved People who lived near the Atlantic Ocean could take a coastal route to freedom. Some would hide on board ships that were going north. Sometimes northern boat captains helped them.



# Heroes AND Helpers of the Underground Railroad

# How do each of these 5 people <u>contribute</u> in the fight <u>against</u> slavery?

\*\*Use Heroes and Helpers -- magazine pgs. 6 - 7 to answer the question for each person.\*\*

Harriet Tubman	
John Fairfield	
Frederick Douglass	
Calvin Fairbanks	
Elijah Lovejoy	

# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



## **DIRECTIONS** - read before starting!

- 1. Supplies needed for the simulation: Pencil and Underground Railroad simulation recording sheet
- 2. Complete the simulation in the order the slides are in.
- 3. Read each slide one at a time. Be HONEST and don't look ahead as it will ruin your journey!
- 4. Before moving to the next slide, make sure to make your decision and record it on your Recording sheet.
- 5. Read though the slide of the decision you made so you know how your journey is going for your group!
- 6. Work your way through all the slides to complete the simulation!
- 7. Good Luck!!

#### PLANNING YOUR ROUTE

You and a group of slaves have decided to escape! You are leaving at nightfall, but there are two different routes. The group must consider the routes and decide before setting out!

#### ROUTE A

• This path is a land route. It follows along a river through the forest. It will eventually lead you from Beaufort up through the mountains in North Carolina and up through several other states before reaching free territory. This route is conducted by a black woman who has traveled the path before.

#### ROUTE B

• This path is a sea route. The group would take a small vessel a short ways off the coast and follow the coast north. This route is conducted by a white man. The complete route will take you to Connecticut where you can travel to other free states by foot.

#### Route A -- THE LAND ROUTE

You and your group managed to sneak off the plantation late in the night! All made it safely to the river. However, two of the women had brought their children and they were not able to keep up with the rest of the group. When one of the young children started crying, they were heard by slave hunters! They were captured and taken back to their plantation. They were punished upon their return...

#### LOSE FOUR PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

### Route B -- THE SEA ROUTE

You and your group managed to sneak off the plantation late in the night! All made it safely below deck on the small boat. While at sea, a ship spots the small boat and sees several slaves on board. Luckily, the conductor is able to convince the captain that the slaves are his. However, a storm is on the horizon. The conductor decides to stop at a port city in North Carolina and travel the rest of the way by foot to avoid the storm. Upon arrival, several of the slaves are seen and captured. They are sold back into slavery...

LOSE FOUR PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

## STOPPING AT A STATION

You and your group are approaching a station on the Underground Railroad. You are exhausted and starving. As you approach, you realize that the lantern hanging outside is not lit. The light is normally a symbol of a safe place...

#### **OPTION A**

• The stationmaster probably forgot to light the lamp. You are in desperate need of food and a place to rest. You and your group decide to take your chances and enter the station.

#### **OPTION B**

• The unlit lantern seems like a bad sign. You and your group decide to sleep nearby in a hollowed out riverbank and forego any food for the night.

# Option A -- ENTERING THE HOUSE

You and your group enter the house to find it dark inside. Suddenly, 3 men with guns emerge from the shadows—bounty hunters. The station master has been discovered and killed. Members of your group shout to the others. Many try to flee, but several do not make it.

LOSE THREE PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

# Option B -- HEADING TO THE RIVERBANK

You and your group quietly sneak back to the riverbank and settle in for the night. It is getting colder at night. You huddle together for warmth, but it is not enough. You get very little sleep and are not able to find any food. Although you are still exhausted and starving, every makes it through the night safely.

MOVE FORWARD WITH ALL PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

#### CROSSING INTO FREE TERRITORY

You and your group have made it into the state of Pennsylvania! You are finally in a free state. However, the conductor says that you aren't out of danger yet. Fugitive slaves can still be captured in the North and returned to their master for a reward.

#### **OPTION A**

• Your conductor must leave, but gives you the name of a brakeman who can help you find a home and a job if you travel up to a safer part of Pennsylvania. You are supposed to wait for the rest of your family members in Pennsylvania. If you leave, they may not be able to find you.

#### **OPTION B**

• Your conductor gives you the name of an agent who can coordinate a trip to cross the border into Canada. However, your family will not know where to find you once you make it there. You can give a message to the conductor, but there is no guarantee that your family will get the message.

# Option A -- PENNSYLVANIA

You contact the brakeman and he finds you a job in northern Pennsylvania. Half of your group makes the same decision. Unfortunately, your old plantation master had put a WANTED ad in the paper and two of the members are recognized and captured. You are constantly on alert. After many months, you hear a knock at your door. You cautiously open the door—it's your family!! At last, you are reunited and all on free land. Now, as a whole family, you decide to make the journey to Canada.

LOSE TWO PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

## Option B -- CANADA

You decide to contact the agent. Half of your group decides to make the journey to Canada along with you. You all make it safely across the border! It is difficult to find work in a place where you do not know anyone. You stick together with the other people you journeyed with. After a year, you stop waiting for your family to arrive. The message must not have been delivered. It is three years later that you hear a knock at your door. You cautiously open the door—it's your family!! At last, you are reunited and all on free land.

MOVE FORWARD WITH ALL PASSENGERS

CONTINUE

#### SUMMARY of your JOURNEY

Reflect on your journey along the Underground Railroad!

Write a journal entry to explain how your journey went.

Include the choices you made and describe the dangers you encountered along the way. Be descriptive and get creative!

Make sure to use complete sentences and feel free to add more lines as needed.

# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD simulation!



Use what you have learned about the Underground Railroad this week to help you make good decisions to complete the Underground Railroad simulation!

Read the directions on slide 2 on the Underground Railroad simulation slides.

Use this page to record your decisions you make during the simulation.

Good Luck!!

#### Planning your Route -- CIRCLE which decision you chose?

Stopping at a Station -- CIRCLE which decision you chose?

Option A -- Heading to the House

Option B -- Heading to the Riverbank

Did you lose any passengers from your group? If so, how many?

#### Crossing into Free Territory -- CIRCLE which decision you chose?

Option A -- Pennsylvania Option B -- Canada \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Did you lose any passengers from your group? If so, how many? \* **Summary of your Journey!** 
