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Harriet Tubman

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Suggested Age Group: 3rd-8th

Lessons/Themes: Harriet Tubman, Abolition, Women's Suffrage.

Topic Overview:

This project is designed to help students learn about important places Harriet Tubman traveled on the Underground Railroad. The lesson plan includes a short biography of Harriet Tubman, an activity and worksheet familiarizing students with important locations in Tubman's life, and links to more information and some helpful videos.

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Change Maker: Harriet Tubman

Biography:

Harriet Tubman was an extraordinary black woman who made significant contributions to American history. Born into slavery, she escaped to freedom and devoted her life to helping other enslaved people escape. Tubman made more than a dozen trips into the South and led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad, a vast network of secret routes and safe houses. Tubman also served as a spy for the Union Army during the Civil War and later became an advocate for women's suffrage. She earned the nickname "Moses" for leading her people to freedom. Today, she is celebrated as a symbol of justice, equality, and perseverance; a true American heroine.

After the Civil War, Tubman became involved in women's suffrage and worked alongside notable suffragists such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She was also an advocate for the elderly, supporting the development of a home for aged and indigent African Americans.

Tubman is widely recognized for her bravery and heroic efforts in helping enslaved people escape to freedom. She is often referred to as the "Moses of her people" and remains an important figure in American history. In 2020, it was announced that she will be the new face of the United States twenty-dollar bill, replacing President Andrew Jackson.

Enrichment and Events:

- Washington Square Park- Statues of significant abolitionist figures
- Highland Park Statue: "The Journey to Freedom"



- Harriet 2019 film
 - Trailer <https://youtu.be/GqoEs4cG6Uw>
- Harriet Tubman Byway
 - Digital Map of significant places in the US related to Harriet Tubman.
 - <https://harriettubmanbyway.org>

The Project

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Historic Places in Harriet Tubman's Life

Directions: Learn about each location by reading each description. Match the name of the location to it's description. Then cut out and connect the pieces to form a map of Harriet Tubman's travels on the Underground Railroad. Glue pieces together in the space provide on the back to form the puzzle.

Descriptions:

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: 3
Laws prohibited black people from gathering in groups, and a group of enslaved people gathered in a home or in the woods could raise suspicions. They did, however, congregate in cemeteries, a rare respite from the constant supervision that characterized enslaved societies in the nineteenth century. Harriet Tubman is known to have used Mt. Pleasant Cemetery as a site for a nighttime rendezvous away from the suspicious eyes of plantation masters and overseers.

Maryland: 1
Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland, thus, Maryland was a significant part of her life, having spent most of her time in the state. Her marriage, as an enslaved person with John Tubman, a free man, took place in the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Maryland was also significantly populated by Quakers, who greatly helped Tubman's abolitionist efforts. She led many escapees to Maryland.

Tuckahoe Meeting House: 4
This was one of five Quaker meeting places in Caroline County that supported a local Underground Railroad network. The Quakers who gathered in this Meeting House, many of whom were close with Tubman, not only hid strong beliefs in the abolition and the rights of women, but they actually acted on those beliefs.

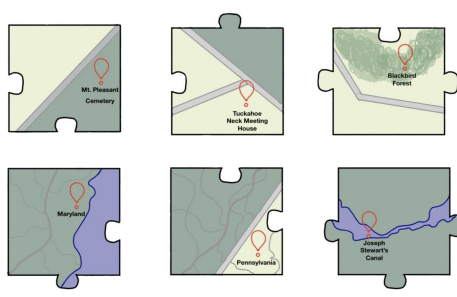
Pennsylvania: 6
The Place she escaped to when she separated from her previous Husband. This place was an important state on the Underground Railroad, and Tubman made many trips there to help enslaved people escape to freedom.

Blackbird Forest: 5
This place is located in Delaware, and it is believed to be one of the areas where Harriet Tubman helped enslaved people escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad. It is believed that Blackbird Forest was one of the places where Tubman hid enslaved people during their journey to freedom. She would use the cover of darkness to move them through the forest and to nearby safe houses.

Joseph Stewarts Canal: 2
A waterway located in Dorchester County, Maryland. It is believed that Harriet Tubman used this canal to help enslaved people escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad. The canal was a particularly important route for Tubman and other conductors on the Underground Railroad because it provided a means of transportation that was relatively safe and efficient.

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Pieces:



The puzzle pieces are arranged in two rows of three. Each piece is a different color and contains a small map of a location with a red pin and a number. The locations are: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (3), Tuckahoe Neck Meeting House (4), Blackbird Forest (5), Maryland (1), Pennsylvania (6), and Joseph Stewarts Canal (2).

Link to Worksheet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CLCUV2-n-hGb46YeD0qUKiwtXvpi3gID/view?usp=sharing>

Project Description:

Our project is designed to help kids learn about important places Harriet Tubman traveled on the Underground Railroad. They will match each location to their respective descriptions and given number. The locations are stated on the different puzzle pieces that will come together to form a map when placed in the right order. The goal of the worksheet is for kids to match the description to the location and order them correctly based on the numbers.

Resources:

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