

Harriet Tubman

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Many great women have lived and done wonderful, exciting, and heroic things throughout history. One of these women was named Harriet Tubman. She lived during the days of the American Civil War, and she helped bring enslaved people to freedom.



Harriet Tubman was born in Maryland and sent to do many jobs and other chores. When she

This was the way she lived. When her master died and no one was willing to buy her, she wanted to be free.

Harriet went to a state where slaves were allowed, and she changed her name from Araminta to Harriet.

When Harriet escaped, she helped other people do it. This was a secret organization that helped slaves get to safety. Harriet began working with the Underground Railroad so that she could lead other people who were like her to their own freedom.

In 1850, a new law was passed that said any runaway slaves who were caught in America could be sent back to their masters. Because of this, Harriet Tubman took her

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slaves north into Canada. She worked this way for ten years, until the start of the Civil War.

During that time, Harriet saved her money, and she bought a piece of land in New York. It became her new home, and she lived there until she died in 1913, at the age of 93.

But Harriet didn't stop helping the cause of freedom when she bought her land! She joined in the war efforts by being a spy during the Civil War. She helped free many more slaves, and she risked her life to help the Union because that was the side trying to bring freedom to all people.

Once, during the assault on Fort Mifflin, she was the first woman of the Civil War to lead a group of 250 slaves.

Long after the war, in the late 1890's she joined the fight for all people. In the late 1800s, women were not allowed to vote. Men would be

Today there are many people who still remember Harriet Tubman. Many people even write about her as an American hero. Her actions and ways be remembered

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Harriet Tubman

1) In your own words describe the subject of this passage.

2) Why did Araminta change her name to Harriet?

3) What was the Unc

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4) Name Harriet's acc

5) In which way has Harriet Tubman been honored?
