



## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson 50

*Today's lesson is about Harriet Tubman: Harriet Tubman was born a slave. After her own struggle escaping from slavery, she helped slaves get to the North via the underground railroad. The underground railroad was not an actual railroad, but a network of homes where slaves would hide-out during their journey to freedom. Harriet Tubman and the former slaves who were all attempting to escape, were risking their lives for freedom. Harriet Tubman also played a vital role during the Civil War. While running the underground railroad, she quickly learned the South's geography and was able to provide Union soldiers with this information. Moreover, she was a spy for the*

*Union. Harriet Tubman later in life fought for women's equality with two other famous feminists, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.*

**Sticky Situation:** Imagine that your sister, brother, or friend, wants a new bike. You want to help them get a new bike, but the only way to do so, would be to give-up your own bike or one of your favorite toys or books. Would you give-up your favorite toy or book? Why or why not? What do you think Harriet Tubman would do if she were faced with a similar situation?

**Activity:** Harriet Tubman had a specific journey mapped on the underground railroad. She had to make this map without any modern technology, such as Google maps. Think about whether or not you would be able to remember a path without technology's assistance. Then, research what the Underground Railroad looked like. Finally, on a poster, map-out Harriet Tubman's stops on the underground railroad.

### Interesting Facts About Harriet Tubman:

- Harriet Tubman was originally named Araminta "Minty" Ross.
- When Harriet Tubman underwent brain surgery, she chose not to use any medication to alleviate the pain.
- Harriet Tubman never learned to read or write.
- Harriet Tubman will eventually replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill.