# Focused Inquiry Template

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## Compelling Question

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## Disciplinary Practice

| Social Studies Primary K-2 |

## Staging the Question

| Day 1: Students will watch the Brain Pop Junior video on Harriet Tubman. Introduce the vocabulary words that are given: Underground railroad, abolitionist, Harriet Tubman, Safehouses, Emancipation Proclamation. Sequence the cards to show what happened during Harriet Tubman’s life. Quiz: Students will participate in a 5 question quiz with teacher. |

## Supporting Question

What was the Underground Railroad?

## Formative Performance Task

Day 2: Teacher will read a picture book to students. Students will tell the teacher what they know about Harriet Tubman. The teacher will record these on a chart. The students will pick out a grade appropriate amount of these facts to write. They will illustrate pictures to go with their writing. These can be put together for a class book.

Day 3: Students will watch Rich Newburg’s Black History Project video #2 on Harriet Tubman. Teacher will lead a discussion and ask questions pertaining to video. Teacher will read the class the book, “Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt” by Deborah Hopkinson. The class will create a quilt square to put together with the rest of the class to make a Freedom Quilt.
Featured Sources

Books: Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson

Minty, A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder

Aunt Harriet’s Underground Railroad in the Sky by Faith Ringgold

Song: Follow The Drinking Gourd: American folk song

Rich Newburgh Reports: Buffalo Black History Project : 02 Harriet Tubman

https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/biographies/harriettubman/

ARGUMENT

1. Students will vote to decide if Harriet Tubman is a Hero or a Criminal by putting a picture of Harriet Tubman on a chart under Hero or Criminal.
2. Students will vote to decide if Harriet Tubman should be put on the $20 bill by putting a picture of Harriet Tubman on a chart under Yes or No.

EXTENSION

1. Students can go on a field trip to Michigan Street Baptist Church, a stop on the underground railroad.
2. Students can go on a field trip to Broderick Park, where slaves crossed the Niagara River to escape to freedom in Canada.