

## Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman



<http://www.usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/womeninfln/image/railroad.jpg>

The Underground Rail Road was actually a secret network of people that privately helped slaves escape to freedom into the northern states or Canada. Although numbers are not exactly accurate it is said approximately 60,000 slaves were led to freedom through the network of people. Since this was illegal, to the people involved in the Underground Rail Road came up with clever ways to get slaves out of the South. Harriet Tubman was an escaped slave that would return to the south to lead people to freedom. She became known as “Moses” for leading so many people out of slavery. It has been estimated that Harriet Tubman led nearly 200 people out of slavery under very dangerous conditions.

### **Guiding Questions for Discussion:**

What was the Underground Railroad?

Why do you think it was called the Underground Railroad?

What was the purpose of the Underground Railroad?

Why did the Underground Rail Road cause tension between the Northern and Southern states?