

## Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman was an amazing woman whose story is not told nearly enough. Tubman was born into slavery in the 1800's.<sup>1</sup> Being a slave in the South during the 1800's was an environment that was very difficult for Tubman and other slaves. Terms that would describe her are war-hero, soldier, leader, patriarch, spy, and slave. Sandra A. Agard writes in the article *Harriet Tubman: A journey to Freedom*, "Harriet Tubman was a slave who escaped from her plantation in Maryland to freedom, then returned many times over to help others to reach the free states or Canada, despite enormous risks" (Agard).<sup>2</sup> The fact that she was black and a slave makes her heroism even more remarkable. Her valor preceded the Civil War, as well as helping many black families to stay united.

Tubman was the conductor of what was called the Underground Railroad. It was a path that led hundreds of slaves to freedom. At times, the success with Underground railroad overshadows many of her other accomplishments. In the article, *Harriet Tubman Peace Maker and Statesman*, Sandra Edmond writes, "When the country went to war in order to abolish slavery once and for all, she drew upon her prewar experiences to serve with distinction as a spy and scout. She organized self-help initiatives and established housing for former enslaved persons" (Edmond).<sup>3</sup> Tubman's contributions to racial freedom and her efforts to help the North during the Civil War would cement her legacy as one of the greatest people in U.S. history.

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