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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters
(in order of appearance)

Group 1: Green
Group 2: Blue
Group 3: Orange



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Group 1: Harriet Tubman is still remembered by many people. The United States even put a picture of her on a postage stamp.

Group 2: She reminds us that all people deserve to be free.

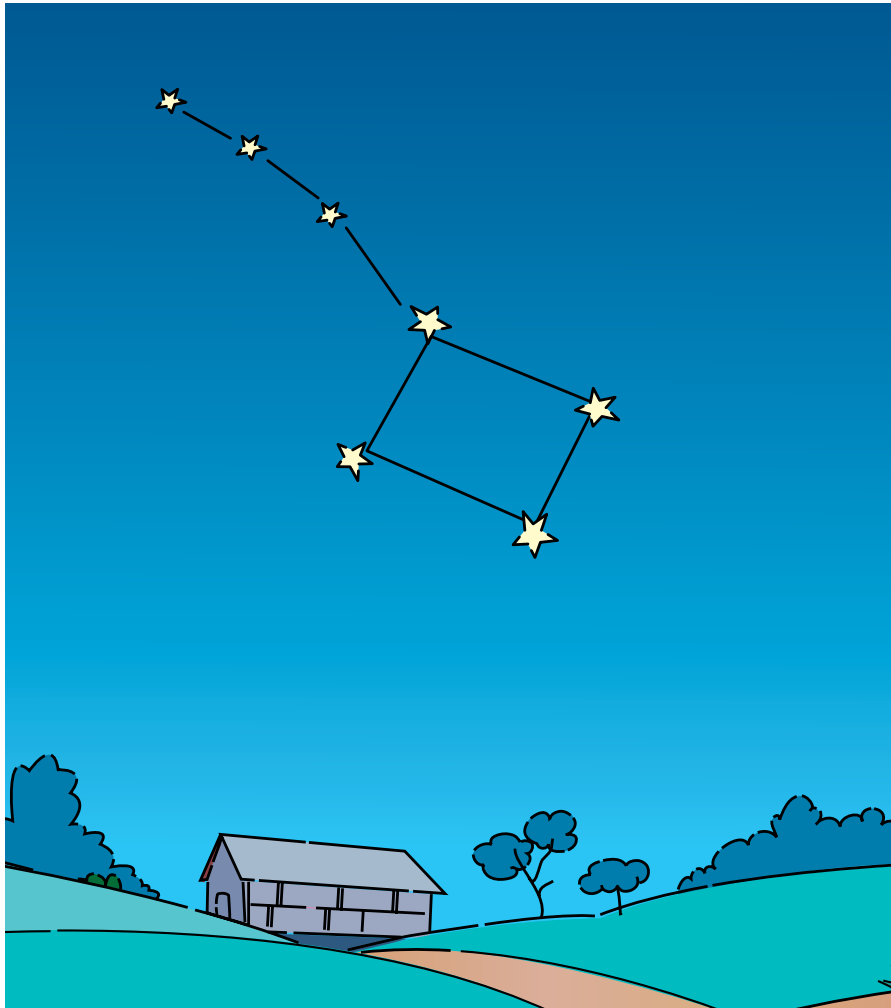


Harriet Tubman



Group 1: Harriet Tubman was an African-American woman. She was born in Maryland in the 1820s. She was a slave.

Group 2: Tubman had a hard life. When she was young, she ran away. She walked to the north. There was no slavery there. The trip was long and dangerous.



Group 3: Harriet Tubman was friends with many people. One of her friends was President Abraham Lincoln. The Queen of England gave her a medal for her bravery.

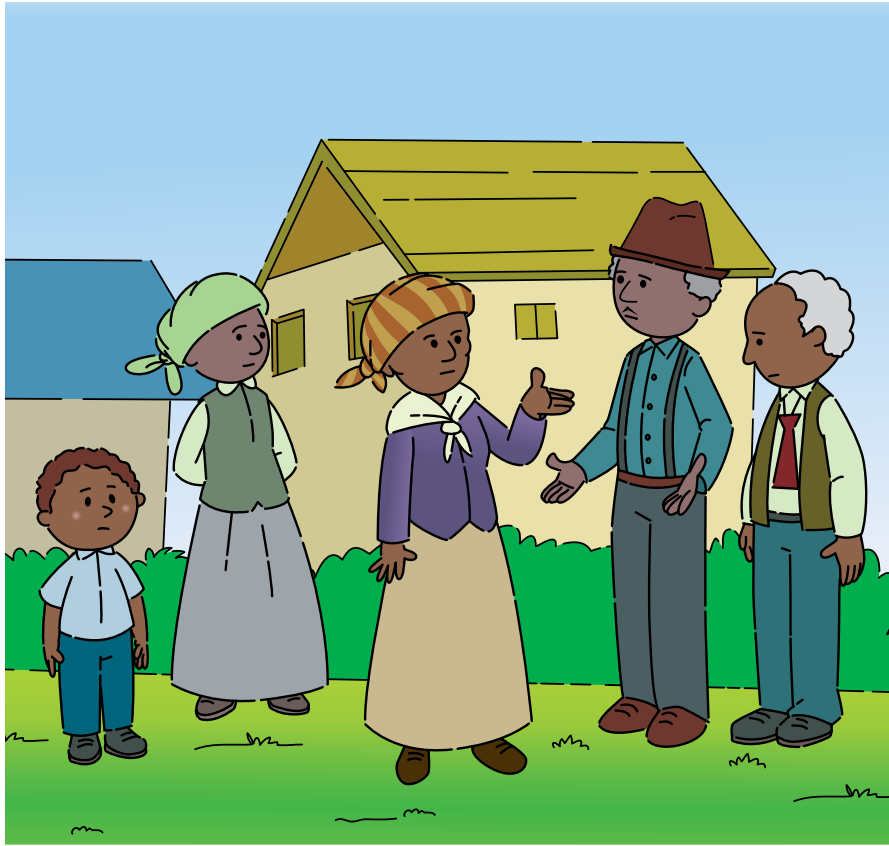
Group 1: Tubman worked during the Civil War. She was a cook, a nurse, and a spy.

Group 2: After the war, she gave speeches. She talked about slavery and freedom. People came from far away to hear her speak.



Group 3: Tubman was safe in the north. She met people who wanted to help her. They did not like slavery either. Once she was safe, Tubman decided to help other slaves.





Group 1: Tubman went back to Maryland. She saved her parents and her four brothers. They were slaves, too.



Group 2: Sometimes she carried two chickens with her. If someone looked at her, she let the chickens go. Then she ran after them.

Group 3: People laughed when they saw her chasing the chickens. They stopped looking at Harriet's face. They looked at the chickens instead. So Tubman got away.

Group 2: She used to say, “I was a good conductor! I never ran the train off the track. I never lost a passenger.”

Group 1: It was dangerous to free slaves. Tubman was never caught. She used tricks to keep herself and her passengers safe.



Group 2: The family walked at night and rested during the day. During the day, they hid in barns, caves, and forests. They did not want to be seen. At night, they followed the North Star in the sky. It led them to freedom.

Group 3: Sometimes they walked 10 miles in one day!

Group 1: Tubman wanted to save more people. She made 13 trips to the south. She helped 70 people become free. And she told other people how to save themselves!



Group 2: She joined the Underground Railroad. It was not a real railroad. It was a group of secret places and helpful people. Slaves went from one place to another until they were safe and free.

Group 3: The Railroad was also called the Freedom Train. Tubman was called a “conductor.”

