

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

escape from slavery

WRITE ABOUT IT ALMOST FREE: LIFE IN THE NORTH

Have you explored all the resources in “Almost Free: Life in the North”? To start, listen to the story of the runaway slave, then click around the scene to discover what life was like for fugitives in the North. In the audio slideshow, you’ll learn more about where fugitives settled in the North, and some of the challenges they faced. Then see “Compare Two Worlds: The North vs. South,” for interactive maps that identify important differences between the North and South before the Civil War. After you’ve explored these resources, answer these questions.

1. What are some of the different places that slaves settled in the North? Why did many runaways go to Canada?

2. What were some of the challenges the newcomers faced as they started their new lives?

3. What were three major differences between the North and the South before the Civil War?

4. What was the Emancipation Proclamation? What impact did it have?

5. Why did so many African Americans fight in the Civil War on the side of the Union?

6. What was one important outcome of the Civil War?
