



# Harriet Tubman

For Black History Month, we learnt about the life of Harriet Tubman. Harriet was born as a slave but she escaped from the plantation and went on to help many more slaves escape.

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In the US, during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, states in the north had abolished enslavement. However, southern states wanted enslaved people for their plantations.

Her parents named her Anninda Ross and they used the nickname 'Minty' for her. She was one of nine children. When she was 13 she took her mother's name - Harriet.

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In 2015, a group called 'Women on Twenties' held an online poll in the US asking which female figure should be on the \$20 note.

The list of 15 women included Eleanor Roosevelt and Rosa Parks. Harriet Tubman won more than 600,000 votes.

Under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, enslavement is now prohibited.

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Did you know?  
Harriet led so many people into freedom.  
Her nickname "Moses" refers to Moses leading Jewish people out of Egypt.

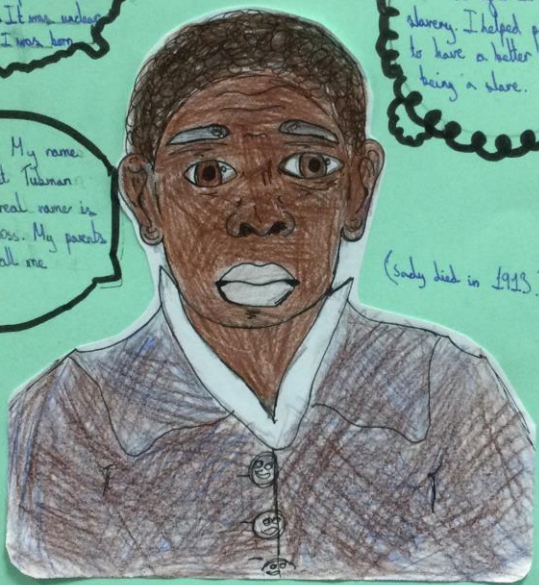
I was born around 1820, and born on a plantation in Maryland. It was unclear when I was born.

I eventually became a nurse after I escaped slavery. I helped people to have a better life than being a slave.

Hello! My name is Harriet Tubman, but my real name is Annamaria Ross. My parents used to call me Minty.

(Sandy died in 1913.)

Her Legacy  
Harriet Tubman is remembered as a symbol of freedom in USA. During her life, she led many other enslaved people to freedom and she also inspired many others.



Slavery  
The life of enslaved people was extremely hard and Harriet's was no different. Harriet, who used to be an slave, managed to escape.  
Slave - A slave is someone in a person that does everything for the owner.  
She helped people escape slavery.



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Being enslaved means being forced to work without getting paid or getting freedom.

Harriet Tubman was enslaved but was able to escape. She managed to help other slaves escape before the American Civil War. She did this by using the Underground Railroad.

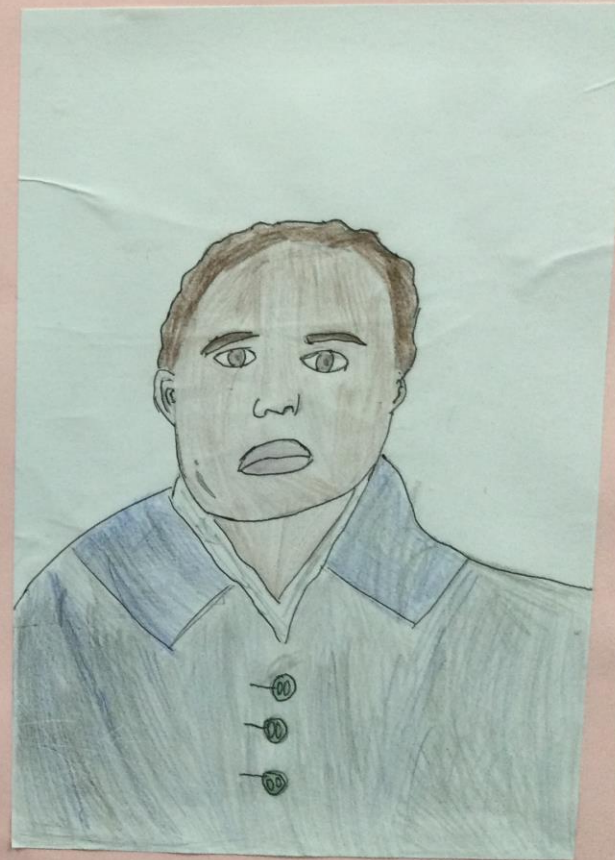
She was a suffragette and toured New York, Boston and Washington trying to get women to be able to vote. Her work paved the way for women to get a vote in 1920.

She didn't only help people escape, she was also a nurse, a civil rights activist, a Union spy and a supporter of women's suffrage.

Harriet was also a Union spy during the civil war. It was in 1864-1865 in the Union states and the states of Conjuracy.

When Harriet and her brothers escaped enslavement, Harriet Tubman became a nurse in South Carolina. It was only for black people because they didn't have a hospital.

She wanted to do a lot as a nurse and her dream was to create a nursing home for the poor and elderly people.



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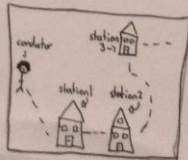
Suffrage  
Harriet Tubman involved in suffrage movement.

## Young Life

Harriet was born around 1820 in Maryland. Her parents named her Araminta Ross and used the nickname 'Minty'. She had eight siblings and lost three of them when they were sold to distant plantations. When she was 13, Araminta decided to take her mother's name - Harriet.

## The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was not a railway. It was a network of secret routes and houses that were safe for runaway enslaved people to use in order to escape from plantations and flee to the northern states of the US, where enslavement had been abolished. Special language was used to keep the escaped enslaved people safe. Harriet was the 'conductor' and the houses were called 'stations'.



## Who is Harriet Tubman?

Harriet Tubman was an enslaved person who managed to escape. She helped hundreds of other slaves escape before the Civil War broke out. She used a system called the Underground Railroad.



Harriet helping enslaved people escape

Harriet Tubman when she was younger



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## Enslavement

In the past, many people who were enslaved were legally owned which meant that they could be brought and sold. Their children also enslaved and treated very badly. In the US during the 19th century, states in the north had banned enslavement. However, southern states wanted enslaved people for their plantations and this fundamental difference was one of the main causes of the American Civil War.

## Araminta 'Minty' Ross

Harriet Tubman was born around 1820. She was born on a plantation in Maryland. Owners of enslaved people did not keep birth records, meaning they did not record when they were born. In 1820, 1821 or even 1822, her parents named her Araminta Ross and they used the nickname 'Minty' for her. She was one of 9 children. When she was 13, she decided to take her mother's name - Harriet.

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