

# THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

*escape from slavery*

## WRITE ABOUT IT ON THE PLANTATION: LIFE AS SLAVE

Have you explored all the resources in “On the Plantation: Life as a Slave”? To start, listen to the story of the runaway slave, then click around the scene to learn more about life on a Southern plantation. In the audio slideshow, you’ll discover the history and hardships of slavery in America. Then read “Growing Up in Slavery” to meet Fannie Moore, who was born an enslaved African American in South Carolina. After you’ve explored these resources, answer these questions.

1. What did it mean to be a slave? What were some of the basic rights that slaves did not have?

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2. Why did people own slaves in the United States in the 1800s?

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3. When did slavery begin in the United States? Where did the first slaves come from?

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4. Describe the life of a slave on a Southern plantation. Where did slaves live? What kinds of work did they do? How were they punished?

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5. What do you think were some of the hardest things about being a slave?

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