

# BLACK HISTORY

# HARRIET TUBMAN



Black History month runs throughout October. It provides an opportunity for schools to reflect on and develop their curriculum. These teacher notes, to complement the book *Little People Big Dreams - Harriet Tubman*, have been produced to enhance primary school curriculum development and celebrate black people of Christian faith who have achieved incredible things.

## WHO?

Harriett Tubman was born into slavery in a plantation in America. Life was hard for Harriet but she was determined to change that. She not only escaped slavery herself but also helped many other people escape to freedom. Harriet was a Christian who believed that God gave her the courage, wisdom and strength to complete her often dangerous missions.

## Suggested Activities

**Read** the *Little people, Big dreams Harriet Tubman* book as a class. Use the image on the front cover and write around it words to describe Harriet Tubman.

**Watch** BBC teach history class clips on Harriet Tubman. Use the video to discuss significant events in Harriet's life.

**Create** a simple class timeline using images from the book and video.

Harriet Tubman was nicknamed Moses. **Think** about the story of Moses in the Bible and how he led his people to freedom. Why do you think people called Harriet Moses?

Log in to your Hwb account and use the **Online** Britannica Schools Encyclopedia to find out more about Harriet's life. Can you find a fact or piece of information to present back to your class?

What does freedom mean to you? Children could **discuss** this through a P4C approach.

Give children examples of rules (some fair and some unfair i.e. only children who have a sister are allowed to play on the playground) ask children to sort them into fair and unfair. **Discuss** how making sure rules are fair are an important link to freedom.

### **Further Information**

Please see our teacher notes on Martin Luther King which compliment the Little People, Big Dreams - Martin Luther King Book.

You may also want to use the online Britannia School Encyclopedia on Hwb to look at the following people.

#### **Sojourner Truth**

Sojourner Truth spoke out against slavery and for women's rights. She had a very powerful way of speaking and often referred to her faith as an inspiration for her work.

#### **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

Desmond Tutu fought to end apartheid - a system that kept black people separate from white people. He was a priest and encouraged others to protest peacefully.

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