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Lighting the Way to Freedom
A writing activity on the Underground Railroad



Pretend you are a slave who has just traveled on the Underground Railroad. On loose-leaf paper, write a four-paragraph story in which you tell about yourself and your escape. Answer these questions in your story:

Paragraph 1

Who are you and where did you live while you were a slave? How old are you? What kind of work did you do for your **master or mistress**? How did he or she treat you? What were your living conditions like?

Paragraph 2

How did you first hear about the Underground Railroad? Why did you want to travel on it?

Paragraph 3

What was your journey like? What route did you take? What dangers or obstacles did you encounter?

Paragraph 4

How and where did your journey end? What was the result of the trip?

*Make sure to re-read your work and correct any mistakes you might find before coming to see me. Remember to call on the COPS.

*Come and see me for a teacher conference once you have self-corrected your work.

*Copy your corrected work onto the lantern template that I will provide.