# ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

# The Underground Railroad

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#### **Resources**

## If you can read only one book

Author	Title. City: Publisher, Year.
Bordewich, Fergus M.	Bound for Canaan: The Underground
	Railroad and the War for the Soul of
	America. New York: Amistad/HarperCollins,
	2005. (Published in paperback as <i>Bound for</i>
	Canaan: The Epic Story of the Underground
	Railroad, America's First Civil Rights
	Movement. New York:
	Amistad/HarperCollins, 2006.)

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Author	Title. City: Publisher, Year.
Coffin, Levi	Reminiscences. Cincinnati: Western Tract
	Society, 1879.
Hagedorn, Ann	Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the
	Heroes of the Underground Railroad. New
	York: Simon and Schuster, 2002.
Harrold, Stanley	Subversives: Antislavery Community in
	Washington, D.C., 1828-1865. Baton Rouge:
	Louisiana State University Press, 2003.
Hodges, Graham Russell Gao	David Ruggles: A Radical Black Abolitionist
	and the Underground Railroad in New York
	City. Chapel Hill: University of North
	Carolina Press, 2010.
Larson, Kate Clifford	Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet
	Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero. New
	York: Random House, 2003.

McGowan, James A.	Station Master on the Underground
	Railroad: The Life and Letters of Thomas
	Garrett. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2004.
Quarles, Benjamin	Black Abolitionists. New York: Oxford
	University Press, 1969.
Siebert, Wilbur H.	The Underground Railroad from Slavery to
	Freedom. New York: McMillan, 1898.
Still, William	The Underground Railroad: A Record of
	Facts, Authentic Narrative, Letters, &C.
	Philadelphia: Porter & Coates, 1871.

# Organizations

#### **Web Resources**

URL	Name and description
http://www.fergusbordewich.com/undergro	The author's website includes a helpful
und-railroad-timeline.html	summary timeline of the development and
	operation of the Underground Railroad.
http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/undergroun	This National Parks Service webpage
<u>d/</u>	provides links to various Underground
	Railroad sites that can be visited today as
	well as a brief history of the Underground
	Railroad.
http://www.freedomcenter.org/	The National Underground Railroad
	Freedom Center is a Smithsonian Institution
	affiliate, a museum of ideas, a site of
	conscience, a museum of American history, a
	museum of African American history, an
	educational resource and a center for
	dialogue. 50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati,
	Ohio 45202, Phone: 513.333.7500 or Toll
	Free: 877.648.4838. Open Tuesday-Saturday
	11:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
http://www.history.umd.edu/Freedmen/ind	The Freedmen and Southern Society Project
<u>ex.html</u>	was established in 1976 to capture the
	essence of emancipation by depicting its
	drama in the words of the participants:
	liberated slaves and defeated slaveholders,
	soldiers and civilians, common folk and the
	elite, Northerners and Southerners.
http://www.mdslavery.net/	The Legacy of Slavery in Maryland website
	seeks to preserve and promote the vast

	universe of experiences that have shaped the lives of Maryland's African American
	population.
http://www.harriettubmanbyway.org/	The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad
	Byway shares the remarkable stories of
	freedom seekers who risked their lives to
	escape slavery in the 1800s. The website
	provides a self-guided driving tour to more
	than 30 sites associated with Harriet
	Tubman.
www.ohiohistory.org/undergroundrr/	The Ohio Historical Society website contains
	an extremely useful site hosts the vast
	collection of Wilbur Siebert's papers at the
	Ohio State Archives. (Siebert was the great
	19th and early 20th century historian of the
	Underground Railroad.) They are available
	to search online.

## **Other Sources**

## **Scholars**

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