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HARRIET TUBMAN

The woman who led **the way to freedom**



A CHILDHOOD IN CHAINS, A SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE

Born as a slave around 1822 on a Maryland plantation, Harriet Tubman grew up **within a brutal slavery system.**

From childhood, she was **marked by her mother's act of courage,** who had threatened a man who had come to buy one of her daughters. The sale was ultimately cancelled.

A **victim of violence,** she suffered lifelong after-effects from a blow to the head.



“MOSES” OF THE **UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

In 1849, Harriet Tubman **escaped from slavery**. She returned to Maryland thirteen times to help other enslaved people flee, **guiding nearly seventy individuals to freedom** via the **Underground Railroad**, a secret network of routes and safe houses leading to the Northern states and Canada, at the risk of her life.

She **inspired abolitionists such as John Brown**, executed in 1859, of whom she said: *“He did more in dying than a hundred men would have done in living.”*



A WOMAN AT WAR

During the American Civil War, Harriet Tubman **served with the Union Army** as a nurse to wounded soldiers and as a spy for the Northern forces.

She then **became the first woman to lead an armed expedition**, freeing more than 700 enslaved people in South Carolina.

Her impactful role during the war cemented her status as **a leading figure in the struggle against slavery**.



CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

After the abolition of slavery in 1865, she continued her struggle as **an anti-racist campaigner**. She also **championed the cause of women and their right to vote**.

She died in 1913 in Auburn, New York, and **was buried with military honours**.

Harriet Tubman remains today a global **symbol of resistance, courage, and justice**.



*“If there’s shouting after you, keep going. Don’t ever stop. Keep going. **If you want a taste of freedom, keep going.**”*

Harriet Tubman

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