

WEDNESDAY: MYTHS OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: TWO TRUTHS AND A MYTH: Each item below contains two truths about the Underground Railroad and one myth. Using the provided source linked below, select which two items are truths and which one is the MYTH by circling TRUTH or MYTH below the statement. Then, correct the lie to make it true.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/underground_railroad/myths.htm

1. The Underground Railroad did not exist as an organization in the south. Slaves rarely received any help until they reached a free, Northern State. They had to reach freedom on their own, which they usually did by foot.	2. There were distinct routes along the Underground Railroad that slaves followed.	3. While many slaves ventured for free northern states and Canada, some escaped to places like Florida to rural, isolated communities of blacks in the South.
TRUTH or MYTH	TRUTH or MYTH	TRUTH or MYTH
CORRECT THE MYTH TO MAKE IT TRUE:		

1. Quakers were heavily involved in the Underground Railroad because slavery was against their religious principles.	2. The term "Underground Railroad" was not coined until about 1840 and was used mostly in the North. Most slaves in the South would not have been familiar with the term.	3. The Underground Railroad was a loose network of houses and people, and slaves reached their destinations in different ways.
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CORRECT THE MYTH TO MAKE IT TRUE:		

1. While the number is often debated, some believe that as many as 100,000 slaves escaped on the Underground Railroad between 1800 and 1865.	2. Most people who helped escaping slaves were free blacks or escaped slaves.	3. A lantern in a window was a common sign used to identify a safe house along the Underground Railroad.
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CORRECT THE MYTH TO MAKE IT TRUE:		

1. Enslaved African Americans were not passive in their escapes. They planned and carried out their own escapes, usually alone.	2. Slaves made quilts that had specific symbols – or codes – that helped slaves escape. Slaves used the quilts since many of them were illiterate.	3. Although slaves had been escaping since they were brought to the New World, the loose "network" of routes and safe houses began to emerge in the 19th century.
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