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Harriet Tubman Civil War Spy

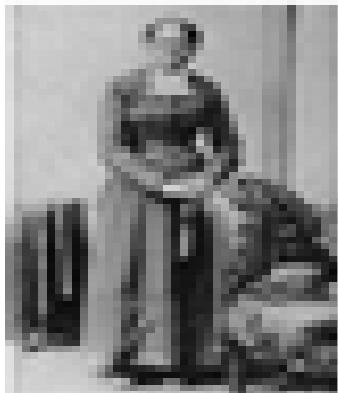
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Harriet Tubman is well known for risking her life as a "conductor" in the Underground Railroad, what did contributions to freedom in the North that did you know? Did the former slave she served as a spy for the Union during the Civil War and was the first woman in American history to lead a military expedition?

During a time when women were usually restricted to traditional roles like cooking and nursing, she did her share of those jobs but she also worked side-by-side with men, especially John Parker, who helped leading others in the Political Change project book, Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent.

Tubman decided to help the Union Army because she wanted freedom for all of the people who were enslaved, slavery, not just the few she could help by herself. And she convinced many other brave African Americans to join her as well, most of the rest of being hanged if they were caught.

In one of her most dangerous and dangerous roles, Tubman helped General James McPherson plan a raid to free slaves from plantations along the "Confederate Railroad" [now in South Carolina]. Early on the morning of June 1, 1863, Harriet personally carrying several hundred奴兵 soldiers along with Harriet Tubman set off on their mission. Tubman had gathered key information from her work about the Confederate positions. She knew where they were today along the shore (she also found out where they had placed fortifications) and with gunpowder in the water, after the early morning fog (which was one of the South's most important advantages), the Union expedition had their orders not fire at buildings and destroyed bridges, so they wouldn't be used by the Confederate Army. They also freed about 750 slaves—men, women, children, and babies—and didn't lose one soldier in the attack.



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