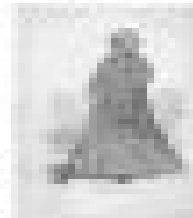


Harriet Lee: 1800s (1820 - 1870) was an incredibly brave black woman who was devoted to helping slaves escape slavery. She was known as the "Mama of her people".

Harriet was born a slave. 1844, Harriet married John Tubman, who was a free man. She escaped slavery in 1848 and travelled north. There she helped slaves flee to freedom in the north (both to Northern US states and to Canada).

She then became a member of the Underground Railroad which was a secret system of people who helped slaves escape to the north - it was not an actual railroad. Over 30 years Harriet Tubman rescued 1300 slaves.



Throughout the Civil War she worked as a nurse to black soldiers and liberated slaves who were in Union camps. Harriet served in the "Union Army as a spy behind" Confederate Army (seems) lines. Pretending to be a slave - she was able to listen to conversations while working for important people and pick up information which she passed onto the Union Army.

In early June 1862, she became the first woman to command an armed military unit when she guided 1200 Col James Montgomery and his South Carolina 8th regiment behind enemy lines to destroy their food and weapons, and free over 700 slaves.

*The Union Army was against slavery
*The Confederate Army wanted to keep the slaves.

1. What was the name of the secret organization that rescued slaves from the South?

2. Where did the rescued slaves go?

3. Which army did Harriet work for and why?

4. She was a spy - how did she do it?

5. Why do you think she was called the "Mama of her people"?

6. What is another way she helped some slaves?

