SLAVES FIGHT BACK

1. What was the Underground Railroad, and how did it help slaves resist slavery?

2. Briefly describe how the Underground Railroad worked. Include the terms: safe house, conductor, freedom train.

3. What role did Harriet Tubman play in the Underground Railroad?
4. What happened during Nat Turner’s Rebellion in 1831?

5. How did the South respond to Nat Turner’s Rebellion?

Activity

You are an African American slave living in Virginia in 1831. You’ve secretly learned to read and write with the help of your master’s daughter, who is your age. Nat Turner’s Rebellion has recently been all over the newspapers, and there’s tension across the entire country.

You decide to write a letter to a free relative in the North. In your letter:

- Explain in detail what happened during the rebellion and what the effects have been.
- Include details about how the Underground Railroad is another attempt to rebel against slavery.
- Finally, include your opinion about which type of resistance you think is more effective and why.

Be as creative as you’d like! Make up your own names, invent a life for yourself, be part of the rebellion or just a witness, draw a sketch of the scene if you’d like (in addition to your written descriptions). As long as you have the facts, everything else is up to your imagination.