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The Underground Railroad, the Cause of Slavery, & Us!

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This interactive event is thrilling and unique: children learn about a woman important in American history, Harriet Tubman, and about the *cause* of slavery. And they learn about themselves and what they most hope for!

In this exciting program, everyone learns about how the Underground Railroad helped enslaved persons to escape to freedom. And students enact a play about an escape led by Harriet Tubman and Thomas Garrett through the Underground Railroad, and see what history can tell us about ourselves!



Based on the education Aesthetic Realism, founded by the great American philosopher Eli Siegel, children are encouraged to see and value that in ourselves which makes us feel proud: our thought about what other people deserve, and wanting *to be fair*—to have a good effect. They learn about what Aesthetic Realism shows is the cause of slavery: the desire to have *contempt for the world*, to make oneself big at the expense of other people. They see that the power which Harriet Tubman and others of the Underground Railroad had, came from their passionate desire to have *respect* for the world. Aesthetic Realism shows: history is about us and can encourage the best in us *right now!*

Everyone liked—loved—it! We were very happy!"

—James Driscoll, president, Queens (NY) Historical Society

"Wonderful! I look forward to our working together again in the future."

—Debi Craig, President, NorthStar Historical Project

"This was very very good. The children loved it, and I hope they take it back with them to use in their lives and classrooms."

—Elizabeth Jarrett, Principal, Harriet Tubman Learning Center, PS 84, Harlem, NYC

"We enjoyed having this presentation very much. The kids really responded well!"

—Adele Bennett, Director, History Dept., Brentwood Public Library

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