



**Harriet Tubman**

2018 Fifth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Harriet Tubman escaped slavery to become a leading abolitionist during the Civil War. At great risk to her own life, she led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad. Over and over again, Harriet Tubman showed **courage** and **perseverance** in her quest to help her fellow man. In December 1850, Tubman received a warning that her niece Kessiah was going to be sold, along with her two young children. Kessiah’s husband, a free black man named John Bowley, made the winning bid for his wife at an auction in Baltimore. Harriet then helped the entire family make the journey to Philadelphia. This was the first of many trips by Tubman, who earned the nickname “Moses” for her leadership. Over time, she was able to guide her parents, several siblings and about 60 others to freedom.

Many times Harriet demonstrated her character by solving a dilemma or problem helping bring slaves to freedom. Choose two dilemmas in her life and explain how she showed courage and perseverance in each situation.

Dilemma #1 –

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