



# Suggested Educational Resource Guide

## Grades 6-8

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### Videos

[How The Underground Railroad Worked](#) - This video gives a good overview of the Underground Railroad if that is something that your students need a refresher on. It is worth noting that the video does occasionally use vocabulary terms that you may need to define with your students. Certain outdated terms such as “master” are used in the video, but our Visitor Experience team covers the different language used in the museum on the tour.

### Maps

- [Atlantic Slave Trade Map, Map #2](#)- These maps illustrate where Africans were kidnapped, where they were taken to, and the general routes of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
- [The Underground Railroad](#) - This map comes from National Geographic and gives a good overview of the routes used on the underground railroad, along with some background information and vocabulary terms and definitions.

### Before the field trip...

[What is the Underground Railroad?](#) - This brief article comes from the National Park Service and does an excellent job of introducing the Underground Railroad, and it also contains terminology used by the museum.

[Fugitive Slave Acts](#) - While these articles might be a little simplistic for students in grades 6-8, this might come in hand for explaining the Fugitive Slave Acts and how they impacted the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad not only helped freedom seekers gain their freedom but navigate the changing legal landscape of the United States.

### After the field trip...

#### Other Suggested Readings

[National Parks Service: Journey to Freedom](#) - This webpage offers different resources related to the Underground Railroad, along with highlighting and displaying stories of resilience from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement.

[Get on Board: The Story of the Underground Railroad by James Haskins](#) - Grades 3-5, 6-8, this book combines personal stories, historical material, and other resources to give readers an understanding of the Underground Railroad.