

**THE SELF-EMPOWERMENT OF HARRIET JACOBS**

TEACHER TOOL 3: DISCUSSING HARRIET JACOBS'S SELF-EMPOWERMENT

<p><b>In the space below, list some of the bad things about Harriet Jacobs's hiding place.</b></p>	<p><b>In the space below, list some of the ways in which Harriet Jacobs empowered herself while in hiding.</b></p>
<p>She would be re-enslaved if she left the place.</p> <p>The space was so small and she was so cramped that she could not stand up.</p> <p>It was very hot in the summer and very cold in the winter.</p> <p>There was little light or fresh air.</p> <p>She could not spend time with her children and they did not know her location.</p> <p>She had to depend on the help of her grandmother and other family members for food, clothing, blankets, and conversation.</p>	<p>She remembered that the hiding place made it possible for her to get free of Dr. Norcom.</p> <p>She took solace in the fact that she was with her grandmother, who loved and cared for her and her children.</p> <p>She had time and opportunity to read, especially in her Bible.</p> <p>She prayed and asked for strength.</p> <p>She crawled around for exercise, and after some time began to move around outside (late at night) for exercise.</p> <p>She found a way to sleep on her side in the small space.</p> <p>She was thankful for her family who brought her food, drinks, and blankets.</p> <p>She made a 1 x 1 inch peephole, which brought in air and light and allowed her to look out at her children and watch them grow up.</p> <p>She took advantage of the light from the peephole to read and to sew garments for her children.</p>

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