

# Hazardous Tales - The Underground Abductor

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1. Why did Harriet have to check muskrat traps?  
She was given that job since she was no good at weaving.
2. Why didn't Harriet want her father to look at her or her brothers?  
She knew that he wouldn't lie about seeing them.
3. Why did Ben have to go to jail?  
Mr. Brodess (slave owner) owed money and Ben had to go to jail as a form of payment.
4. What did Harriet think her prayers did?  
She was very sad because she thought her prayers killed Mr. Brodess (the slave owner).
5. What happened to Harriet at the store when she was younger?  
A man threw a chunk of lead at a runaway slave and hit Minty in her head. She was knocked out.
6. Why did Harriet go to see a lawyer?  
She thought maybe her mother was a slave that was supposed to be free.
7. What did Frederick Douglas do when he escaped from slavery?  
He joined the abolitionist movement.
8. Why did Harriet want to escape on a Saturday with her brothers?  
She knew if they waited to Saturday they would have a day's lead since the following day was Sunday and many of the owners went to church.
9. Once Harriet was in the North, why did she work?  
She worked to earn money to use to continue her rescues.
10. How did Harriet go south when she first started to help free slaves?  
She traveled on ships that carried lumber. She was not able to travel back North the same way because northbound ships were checked for run-away slaves.
11. Why did the shipowner who ran lumber stop taking Harriet?  
He had heard from another captain that you were jailed for a year if you were carrying slaves.
12. What happened when Harriet brought the group of nine to Philadelphia?  
She realized that the city was no longer safe for runaway slaves.

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13. Why did Harriet have to act fast to save her family?

She learned that there were new laws against helping slaves escape.

14. When Harriet went to pick up her husband, what did she discover?

She discovered he was remarried.

15. When Harriet went to help Robert escape why did they have to wait?

Robert's wife was having a baby.

16. Why did slaves who wanted to escape not want to be with Joe?

People were looking for Joe since he was worth a thousand dollars.

17. Why did Colonel James Montgomery say Harriet could lead the raid in the Combahee River area?

Harriet was the one who had planned it.