

FREEDOM TRAIN

RESEARCH GUIDE

In your research, find answers to as many of these questions as you can. Where answers cannot be found, use what you have learned about slave life, abolitionism and the Underground Railroad to make an educated guess:

FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT

- What is a fugitive slave?
- What was the purpose of the Fugitive Slave Act?
- How did this Act change life for runaway slaves? And for free blacks?
- How did this Act change life for those who helped slaves run away?
- Who wanted this Act to become law and why?
- Who opposed it and why?
- What branch of government debated this Act and voted it into law?
- What was the Compromise of 1850, who proposed it, and how did it lead to the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act?

