

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:

YOUR CHARACTER

- What is your character's name?
- Was he/she for or against slavery (Slaveholder or Abolitionist)?
- How old was he/she was in 1850?
- What kind of home do you imagine your character lived in? Do you know who she/he lived with? If not, do you imagine that they had a family? Describe their family as you imagine it, and explain why.
- How did she/he earn a living or spend their time?
- What are three adjectives to best describe your character—what were his/her most important traits (examples: loyalty, selfishness, bravery)?
- What was most interesting or memorable to you about him/her?
- How would your character have felt when he/she learned that the Fugitive Slave Act had become law?

