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# Activity One - Barbara Smucker

Barbara Smucker is the author of *Underground to Canada* as well as many other books. What other books have you read written by Barbara Smucker?

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Would you be more interested in reading a story about a giant elephant and a zoo keeper, an Amish family or slaves trying to escape to Canada? Explain your choice.

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Barbara Smucker loved to write novels about historical true stories and add a twist of her own. If you could give her the guidelines for her next novel, what would you recommend based on what is happening in your life now?

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If you were an illustrator, what scene from *Underground to Canada* would you absolutely want to illustrate? Why? Answer and illustrate it below.

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# Activity Two

## Eastern United States

The story in *Underground to Canada* takes place from the deep south of the United States all the way up to St. Catharines, Canada.

What facts do you know about the Eastern United States?

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What do you know about the the Ohio River?

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What kind of vegetation and wildlife can you find there today?

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What kind of crow grew on the plantations?

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Are the plantations still present today? Why or why not?

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Read up on a specific tourist historical attraction found there. What is the attraction? Where is it? What caught your eye on this attraction? Have you ever been? Would you go again? Explain your answer.

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# Activity Three - Alexander Ross

Alexander Ross played a very important role in the *Underground to Canada* novel.

Who exactly was Alexander Ross?

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Where was he from? When was he born?

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What was his mission? Why?

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What other facts about Alexander Ross did you discover?

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If you could interview him, what five questions would you want answers to?

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# Activity Four - Levi Coffin

Levi Coffin played a very important role in the *Underground to Canada* novel.

Who exactly was Levi Coffin?

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Where was he from? When was he born?

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What was his mission? Why?

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What other facts about Levi Coffin did you discover?

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If you could thank him personally for everything that he has done, what would you like to tell him?

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# Activity Five - Fugitive Slave Act

What do you know about the Fugitive Slave Act?

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When did it come into effect?

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Who benefited from this Act? Why?

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Who passed this Act?

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How valid is this Act in today's world?

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How different were Canada and the United States on slavery as compared to where they stand today?

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# Activity Six - Amnesty International

What is Amnesty International?

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What is their mandate?

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What is their slogan?

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Read up on one cause supported by Amnesty International. Why did you choose this cause? What do they do for this cause?

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What do you think would happen if Amnesty International didn't exist?

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What cause would you like to learn more about?

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Which group does not take part in Amnesty International? Why do you think that is?

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