


**WALT: know the code squares of
the underground railway**





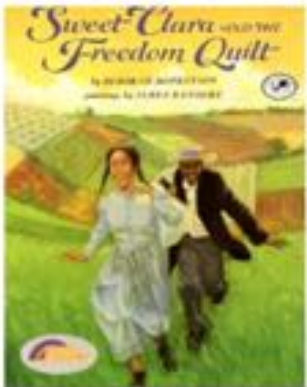
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The Underground Railroad 'Quilt Code'

"I believe that it is better to tell the truth than a lie.

I believe it is better to be free than to be a slave.

And I believe it is better to know than to be ignorant."



The background of the entire slide is a vibrant, multi-colored quilt pattern. It features various geometric shapes, including squares, rectangles, and diamonds, arranged in a complex, repeating fashion. The colors range from bright yellows and oranges to deep blues and purples. Scattered across the quilt are several light green butterfly silhouettes, some of which are partially cut off by the edges of the slide.

**Secret messages hidden in quilts
helped slaves to escape from the
plantations**

**Slaves were not allowed to read or
write, and it was illegal to teach a
slave to do so.**

**Patterns in quilts, as well as codes
hidden in songs and dance allowed
the slaves to communicate in a way
that the white owners could not
understand.**

Flying Geese

**Signal to follow the
migrating geese in
spring.**

**Most Geese could
be used as a guide
to food and water.**



Monkey Wrench

**Gather tools
needed in an
escape, both the
physical tools
and the
mental ones.**



Drunkard's Path

Tells the slaves to take a zig-zag path (to confuse pursuing slave hunters and their hounds.)



Sailboat

**A sign that
water or
boats are
nearby.**



The North Star

Had 2 meanings:

1. Prepare to escape.
2. Follow the North Star to Canada on the Underground Railroad.



Their unique quilt tradition has been passed down through generations, many of the quilts have been exhibited in art museums, and many books have been published about them.



Then and Now...



A large quilt titled "FREEDOM QUILT" is displayed. The quilt is composed of many small, colorful squares, each featuring a different design. The designs include a heart, a sun, a flower, a lighthouse, a house, a person, a tree, a bird, a star, and various abstract patterns. The quilt is made of fabric and has a dark background. The title "FREEDOM QUILT" is written in large, bold, red letters across the top of the quilt.

**What does freedom
mean to you?**

Freedom is...

Freedom is...

**Freedom is the
beautiful sunset
with
the blue water and
the
warm sun as it
goes
down.**



**Freedom
is...**

**Freedom is
watching a
fireplace
blaze while
you warm
your toes.**



Freedom is...

Think first:

**What is my
idea?**

**What colours
will I choose?**

