**Race to Freedom: The Story of the Underground Railroad**

~Classwork Writing Assessment~

**Background**:

The film, "***Race to Freedom***", depicts the journey of fugitive slaves along the Underground Railroad. They are aided by a Canadian abolitionist who assumes responsibility for one of the slaves, Thomas, after he is captured during the flight north. The film not only explores the relationship between whites & African-Americans, but also the dynamics among African-Americans. On the whole, the film’s historical context is accurate. The exception is that the slave catchers follow the runaways into Canada. This would have been a difficult if not impossible task. The last part of the film is somewhat contrived but students very much enjoy it in its entirety.

**Assessment**:

Students will write a 1-page, first-person account of the Underground Railroad either through the eyes of (1) an escaping slave

(2) from the perspective of a conductor or

(3) using the eyes of the slave-catcher.

A Final Copy must be completed by the students within the 2 class periods. This will count as a Classwork Writing Assessment.

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