

## Spiritual Codes Worksheet

| Quote from Spirituals  | Question   | Your Answer   |
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| Who are those children all dressed in red?...Must be the children that Moses led?                          | Who was sometimes referred to as "Moses" by the African-America slaves who used the Underground Railroad?                            | The name is Harriet Tubman.                                     |
| "Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children. Wade in the water."                                       | Words that were repeated in a song were especially important. What kind of instruction for escape might these words suggest and why? | If you step in water the dogs can't smell you.                  |
| "Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here." | What meaning might these words have if a slave sang this song to family members?   | used to alert other slave that an escape attempt was coming up. |
| "I looked over Jordan and what did I see, coming for to carry me home."                                    | The Jordan is a river in Biblical lands. What other river would have been important for escaping slaves to cross?                    | River Jordan  |

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| <p>"If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home."</p> | <p>The person saying these words might be planning to use the Underground Railroad. What does he or she mean?</p>  | <p>He or she means I will come back.</p> |
| <p>"And you'll possess fair Canaan's land, Let my people go."</p>  | <p>Canaan was the land of opportunity promised by God to the Israelites. What place would be the land of opportunity for an African-American slave longing to be free?</p> | <p>Canada</p>                            |
|  | <p><b>What was the Underground Railroad?</b></p>   |  |
|  | <p><b>What is an African-American spiritual?</b></p>   |  |