Lesson Title: What I Think It Means

Grade Levels: 4-8

Class Time needed: Two class sessions (Varies depending on the age of students)

Content Standards: Refer to Academic Standards for Freedom Center Tours

Objectives:

Students will enhance their understanding of key terms of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center by writing the definition of terms and gathering factual information on key people of the Civil War era.

Rationale:

It is important to develop the students’ vocabulary before coming to the Freedom Center. By developing their vocabulary, they will gain more from their tour through our key exhibits. The development of key terms will also spark interest in the exhibits. This will enhance a student’s understanding of the museum. This lesson will also connect to the post-visit lesson.

Materials:

Vocabulary Sheet
Blank Bingo Board
Dictionary
Connecting Pre and Post Activities:

It is important that students are familiar with the terms to complete the post activity. The pre and post activities are connected so that the students will gain further understanding of key concepts on all level of learning.

- Before and after visit

Day One: Vocabulary (Pre-Visit)

Have students fill out the vocabulary sheets. First by writing down what they think the term means. Second by looking up the definition or meaning of each word. Next the student will write down the real definition. After comparing their definition to the real definition, have the students think of a question or two about what they would like to know about it. Use these terms to stimulate discussion.

-50 minutes

Day Two: Bingo (Post-Visit)

Hand out blank bingo sheets to each student. Have students write vocabulary and key people from their vocabulary list. Put terms in a hat and pull terms out. As a class students must give the correct definition before they receive it on their bingo board. Choose different people so that all students are involved.

Assessment:

Informal: Students will be observed on their knowledge throughout the lesson and the bingo game. Formal: Teacher may use the vocabulary sheets to evaluate student performance.
Slavery
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Enslaved
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Internal Slave Trade
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Shackles
What I think it means…

What it really means…
Underground Railroad
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Staple Crops
What I think they are…

What they really are…

Cotton Gin
What I think it is…

What it really is…

Manifest Destiny
What I think it means…

What it really means…
Compromise of 1850
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Emancipation Proclamation
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Tariff
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Secession
What I think it means…

What it really means…
Kansas - Nebraska Act
What I think it is…

What it really is…

Annexation
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Missouri Compromise
What I think it is…

What it really is…

Contraband
What I think it means…

What it really means…
Harriet Beecher Stowe
Who I think she is.................................................................................................................................................................
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Who she really is........................................................................................................................................................................
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Abraham Lincoln
Who I think he is........................................................................................................................................................................
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John Brown
Who I think he is........................................................................................................................................................................
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Frederick Douglass
Who I think he is........................................................................................................................................................................
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Who he really is........................................................................................................................................................................
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The Grimke Sisters
Who I think they are…

Who they really are …

Thirteenth Amendment
What I think it means…

What it really is…

Fourteenth Amendment
What I think it means…

What it really means…

Fifteenth Amendment
What I think it means…

What it really means…
**Plantation**
Who I think this is... .................................................................
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Who they really are ... ..............................................................
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**Sojourner Truth**
Who I think she is... .................................................................
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Who she really is ... .................................................................
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**Abolitionist**
What I think it means... ..............................................................
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What it really means... ..............................................................
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**Auction**
What I think it means... ..............................................................
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What it really means... ..............................................................
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**John Parker**  
Who I think he is…__________________________________________________________  
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Who he really is …_________________________________________________________  
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**Rev. John Rankin**  
Who I think he is …_________________________________________________________  
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Who he really is…___________________________________________________________  
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**Conductor**  
What I think it means…_______________________________________________________  
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What it really means…_________________________________________________________  
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