

**Lesson Title:** Freedom Center Pre-Visit Questionnaire

**Grade Levels:** 4-12

**Class Time Needed:** 10-20 minutes

**Content Standards:** Refer to Academic Standards for Freedom Center Tours

**Objectives:**

Students will assess their knowledge and possible misconceptions about the Underground Railroad and Slavery before visiting the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

**Rationale:**

It is important to determine what misconceptions your students have before coming to the Freedom Center in order to better help them correct those misconceptions during and after their trip.

**Description of Lesson/Activity:**

1. Instruct students to complete the True/False Questionnaire (attached) as honestly and seriously as possible.
2. Review their answers before your visit in order to assess any misconceptions they may have. Discuss as a class any common misconceptions.
3. If desired, repeat the Questionnaire after your visit to the Freedom Center. Have students write a self-assessment of what they learned about Slavery, Freedom or the Underground Railroad from visiting the Freedom Center.

**Materials:**

Questionnaire (attached)

**Assessment:**

Informal: Assess students' ability to discuss their misconceptions and reflect on any newfound knowledge.



**Answer these TRUE or FALSE questions before and after your Underground Railroad Freedom Center Tour.**

1. Africans came to America like everyone else, as immigrants. TRUE or FALSE
2. Before being shipped to American plantations, enslaved Africans Were kept in “factories”. TRUE or FALSE
3. Africans were skilled as farmers only. TRUE or FALSE
4. Africans were treated with dignity aboard slave ships. TRUE or FALSE
5. Before they came to America, Africans had no religion. TRUE or FALSE
6. Only America was involved in the African Slave Trade. TRUE or FALSE
7. Cotton was the only crop grown in America by slaves. TRUE or FALSE
8. Only slave states profited from slavery. TRUE or FALSE
9. It was the English who introduced tobacco to America. TRUE or FALSE
10. The statement, “All Men are Created Equal,” in the Constitution Included Native Americans. TRUE or FALSE
11. The American Revolution benefited enslaved African Americans in the North and South. TRUE or FALSE
12. Only white men were abolitionists. TRUE or FALSE
13. All abolitionists were non-violent. TRUE or FALSE
14. People don’t own other people today. TRUE or FALSE

