



This is a photo of a textile (quilt) created by Aminah-Brenda Lynn Robinson. She called it a RagGonNon because it is made out of rags and tells a story that goes on and on. It rags into the future and at the same time rags back into the past.

The RagGonNon hangs in our grand hall at the National Underground Freedom Center. It's made of two separate pieces called Journey's I and Journey's II. Together, these textiles tell the story of Mrs. Robinson's ancestors and family history—their journey from West Africa, across the Atlantic Ocean to the United States. Once freedom came to enslaved people, Aminah's journey takes you to her birth place—Columbus, Ohio. The RagGonNon shows images of her childhood, the games she played and follows her journey all the way into her adulthood. It took Aminah over 30 years to complete her RagGonNon.

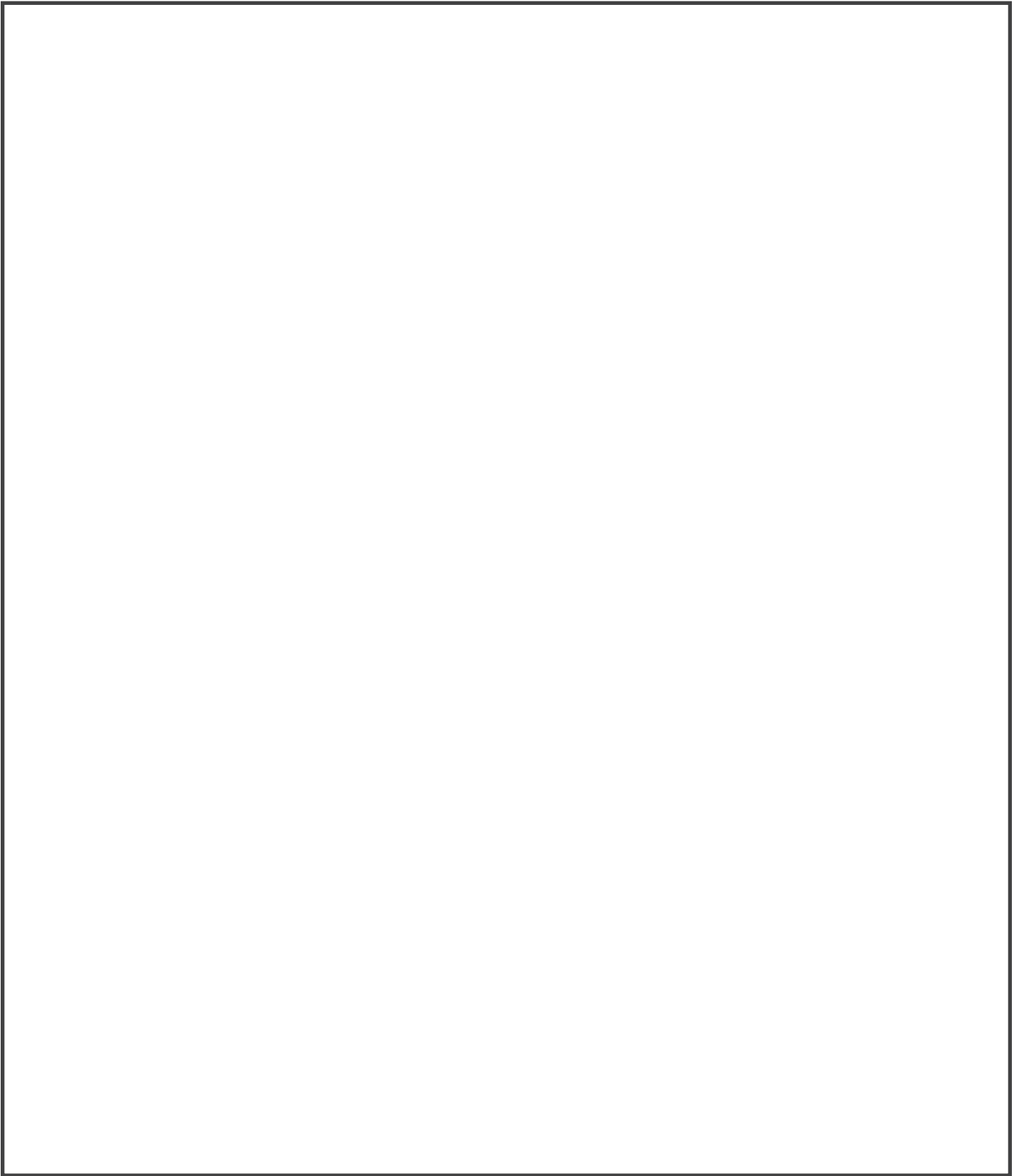
## ACTIVITY

On the next page, you will create your own textile art. You can design your piece however you choose, but here are some ideas:

- » Draw or write using pencil, crayon, marker, paint or whatever you have at home
- » Make a collage with contact paper, stickers or washi tape
- » Ask an adult to help you cut up an old t-shirt or other fabric scraps to add to your design

Your art does not have to be about your history—it can be whatever you want. After your textile is finished, do a show and tell about your creation.

# MY RAGGONNON



We'd love to see your creation! Ask an adult to share a photo of your finished art and tag us on social media with @FreedomCenter or #MyNURFC