THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

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As you read the article, answer the questions in the space provided.

1. What was the Underground Railroad?

2. Who were the Quakers? What were some actions taken by the Quakers to help slaves escape to freedom?

3. In what year was the term “underground railroad” first mentioned?

4. Explain how the Underground Railroad worked. Be sure to explain the role of the “conductors”, “stations”, “safehouses”, “depots”, and “stationmasters”.

5. Why did many runaway slaves want to go all the way up to Canada?

6. What was Harriet Tubman’s birth name?

7. Who created the Dawn Institute (1842)? How did it try to help runaway slaves?

8. Who was William Still? How did he document his activities in the Underground Railroad?

9. Who was Jonathan Walker? What happened to him in 1844?

10. In addition to being a famous conductor of the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman helped the North during the Civil War. List some of the things she did during the Civil War.