

“Lighting the Way to Freedom Writing Project”

Language Arts Writing Assignment

Steps to Make the Lantern:

1. Measure the black paper and cut into the sections shown on the attached page.
2. Glue the two half-inch black strips to the yellow paper to create four equal-sized panes as shown on the attached page. Trim the excess from the horizontal strip.
3. Glue the large black triangle to the yellow paper as show on the attached sheet. Snip off the tips of the triangle’s vertices. Then glue the remaining black strip to the bottom of the lantern and trim the excess.
4. Cut a ring from the scrap black paper. Glue it to the top of the lantern as shown.

Essay Information:

Pretend you are a slave who has just traveled on the Underground Railroad. On notebook paper, write a four-paragraph story in which you tell about yourself and your escape. Answer these questions in your story.

Paragraph One: Who are you and where did you live while you were a slave? How old are you? What kind of work did you do? How were you treated? What were your living conditions like?

Paragraph Two: How did you first hear about the Underground Railroad? Why did you want to travel on it?

Paragraph Three: What was your journey like? What route did you take? What dangers or obstacles did you encounter?

Paragraph Four: How and where did your journey end? What was the result of the trip?

BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL FIVE STEPS OF THE WRITING PROCESS.

1. Prewriting
2. Drafting
3. Revising
4. Proofreading
5. Publishing

Make any necessary changes to your essay. Then use a black pen or pencil to copy the paragraphs onto the lantern according to this key:

Top left pane: paragraph 1

Top right pane: paragraph 2

Bottom left pane: paragraph 3

Bottom right pane: paragraph 4