

# Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad

- Read the story of Ann Maria Weems found on pages 174-186 of "*The Underground Railroad*" by William Still.
  - What are some of the methods used by Lawyer Bigelow to hide his intent in his letters to William Still?
  - What does William Still mean by "possess their souls in patience" on page 180 of the text?
  - List some of the ploys used by Dr. H. in concealing the escape while on the road in Maryland.
- Using the William Penn or J. Bigelow letters on pages 186-188 of "*The Underground Railroad*" by William Still, explain three different ways that were used to conduct fugitives. (You will find one in each letter).
- Read the letter from E.L. Stevens Esquire on page 21 of "*The Underground Railroad*" by William Still. Rewrite the letter in plain language, as if secrecy were not important.
- Read the letter from Rev. H. Wilson on page 23 of "*The Underground Railroad*" by William Still. What are some of the difficulties he says the fugitives suffer on reaching freedom?
- Although some letters are cloaked in secrecy, agents who are Quakers and are straightforward write others. Rewrite the letter of Pennsylvania Quaker E. F. Pennypacker found on page 24 of William Still's "*The Underground Railroad*". Rewrite the letter in secret code.