

Freedom Quilts
Underground Railroad
American Studies

Name _____

Now that we have discussed Freedom Quilts and how they were used on the Underground Railroad, you now have the task of designing your own road map to freedom. You and three partners, are going to make 4-6 quilt squares that could be used as a map on the Underground Railroad. Here's the catch, your group will start from different locations on Lloyd's campus and create a map, through quilt squares, that could help navigate a runaway to home plate on the baseball field. After all, there you are "safe". Your group can depict landmarks, buildings, or use any other clues that a person could use to get from your starting point to "home base". While outside, take mental notes and record what locations and landmarks you would want to use on your quilt squares. You have 15 minutes to perform this task.

After you have taken notes on your journey, we will return to class and begin designing the 4-6 squares of your quilt. Each square should help a person navigate the road that must be traveled. The design of the squares is entirely left up to the group, however, each square must be 8 ½ X 11, and each square must have some color. If you want to keep to tradition, most quilt squares were geometric designs. After your group has prepared the squares, you will present them to the rest of the class and explain the journey one would make using your clues. All quilt tiles will be put together after the presentation to make one huge freedom quilt from our class. Good luck.

Groups 1 and 6 start at the front doors of Tichenor

Groups 2 and 7 start on the football field

Groups 3 and 8 start at the amphitheater

Groups 4 and 9 start at the flag pole in front of school

Groups 5 and 10 start at the beach parking lot