

# Abolition and Reconstruction Resources for Elementary Teachers

## *Elementary Print:*

- Beatty, Patricia. *Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee*. New York: Troll, 1991. In 1865 with the war recently over, fourteen-year-old Hannalee and her recently reunited family decide to start a new life in Atlanta where jobs are plentiful as rebuilding begins.
- Cox, Clinton. *Undying Glory*. New York: Scholastic, 1993. The courageous story of the men of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, who fought as Union soldiers to free their brothers and sisters from slavery.
- Davidson, Margaret. *Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom*. New York: Scholastic, 1988. Born a slave, Frederick Douglass became an abolitionist, orator, journalist, and one of the most famous freedom fighters of all time.
- Davis, Ossie. *Escape to Freedom*. New York: Viking Press, 1990. Depicting the early life of Frederick Douglass and his desire to succeed, this play emphasizes his contributions to the period.
- Declouet, Fred. *First Black Marines: Vanguard of a Legacy*. New York: Winston-Derek Publishers, 1995. The account includes Frederick Douglass in his military career.
- Hansen, Joyce. *I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Reconstruction Era Diary of Patsy*. New York: Scholastic, 1997. Award winning author Joyce Hansen presents the inspiring story of Patsy, a freed girl who becomes a great teacher.
- Haskins, Jim. *Get on Board: The Story of the Underground Railroad*. New York: Scholastic, 1995. The dramatic history of the Underground Railroad, from the origin of its name to the end of the Civil War.
- Levine, Ellen. *If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad*. Illus. Larry Johnson. New York: Scholastic, 1993. In a question-and-answer format, the reader is introduced to the underground railroad and how it was used between 1830 and 1860 to help slaves in America escape to the North.
- Macht, Norman L. *Sojourner Truth: Crusader for Civil Rights*. New York: Chelsea, 1992. A freed slave and respected by such influential figures as Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, Truth was one of the most important woman activists of her time in her fight against slavery.
- McGovern, Ann. *Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman*. New York: Scholastic, 1991. After gaining freedom from slavery, Harriet Tubman vowed to help others become free also.
- McKissack, Patricia and Frederick McKissack. *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman*. New York: Scholastic, 1992. A freed slave who spoke out against slavery and became a vocal and noted activist for the rights of blacks and women.
- Robinet, Harriette Gillem. *Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule*. New York: Atheneum, 1998. Robinet takes an earnest, sometimes grim, look at the human face the human cost of Reconstruction in the South.

## ***Elementary Media:***

- *Booker T. Washington*. 30 minute video. Bala Cynwyd, PA: Schlessinger Video, 1992. Part of the Black Americans of Achievement series, this is adapted from the biography by Alan Schroeder.
- *John Henry*. 30 minute video. Rowayton, CT: Rabbit Ears, 1991. This is the story of John Henry, with score by B.B. King, the poetic legend of a steel driving competition.
- *Rediscovering America: Buffalo Soldiers*. 26 minute video. Bethesda, MD: Discovery Communications, 1997. The video captures the contributions of this African American military unit.