

**Mission Possible** 



**Benefit of Play:** Social, Communicative, Cognitive, Physical

Devise an escape plan and route to break out of school to your home! As students imagine what it was like to navigate the Underground Railroad, this is a great way to hone their geography skills and learn their neighborhood!

## Focus Skills: Geography, Imagination, Research, Spatial Grades: 6+

MATERIALS: Paper, pencil

**STEP 1.** Describe how you would escape from school.

**STEP 2.** Create a map, labeling neighborhood landmarks. Travel as discreetly as possible.

- a. Determine your route i.e. walk through a shopping district, travel through a neighborhood park.
- b. Choose your best escape route to make your way from school to your home

**STEP 3.** Plot each direction and stop along your journey by labeling it on your map. Connect the dots to draw your escape route.

**STEP 3.** Once you reach Home, exchange your map with your classmates to determine who had the best, safest, quickest escape routes!



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