

African American Experiences Vocabulary

Abolitionist – a person who did not believe in slavery

Conductor – a person who helped slaves escape

Drinking Gourd – a code name the slaves used for the Big Dipper

Fugitive Slave – a runaway slave

Overseer – a person who watched over slaves

Plantation – a large farm where slaves worked

Runaway – a slave who had escaped

Slave – a person owned as property by another person

Station – a safe house for escaped slaves

Underground Railroad – a secret network of people who helped slaves escape to freedom