

In this lesson, students will improve their skills in using context clues to determine the meaning of difficult words. Use it as a stand-alone lesson or as support to the lesson Journey on the Underground Railroad.

Objectives

Academic

Students will be able to use terminology related to the Underground Railroad correctly in context.

Language

Students will be able to determine the meaning of unknown words with context clues using strategic partnering and teacher modeling.

Materials and Preparation

- Class set of [Context Clues: Finding Word Meanings](#)
- Class set of [Nonfiction Comprehension: Context Clues & Text Features](#)
- [Vocabulary Cards](#)
- [Glossary](#) (optional)
- Class set of blank [Glossary](#)
- Teacher copy of [Write Student-Facing Language Objectives Reference](#)
- Teacher copy of [Teach Background Knowledge Template](#)
- Document camera and projector

Key Terms

TIER 2

clan: a large group of people who are related

ignite: to start something, usually a fire

unite: to join together to do or achieve something

gratitude: a feeling of appreciation or thanks

ritual: a formal ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way

spiritual: of or relating to religion or religious beliefs

TIER 3

context clues: words or sentences near an unknown word that guide us to its meaning

nourishment: food and other things that are needed for health and growth

migrate: to move from one area to another

Attachments