

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