

UHM Kids Book Club at Home – March 10, 2020

Book Summary:

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, a fictional slave narrative, places great importance on the map that Clara makes with scraps of fabric and information. People told Clara about hiding places, fallen logs and streams along the path to freedom. She then adds the information onto her quilt map, allowing her time to memorize the way of escape.

Think:

Discuss maps and how we use them. Would you be able to memorize a path like Clara? Talk about places you love and new places you want to visit one day.

Research:

Using reliable online resources, do your own research on freedom quilts. You will find varying opinions on whether quilts were actually used as maps. Which opinion seems the most credible? Meaning, which opinion has the sources and facts to back it up.

Here are a few places you can begin your research, but share with us any other good resources you found on your own. And stay open minded!



Activity:

Look at a map and follow the path to the desired destination. Then, remove the map and using your memory, try to draw the path. Use paper, poster board, canvas, whatever is available in your home. Add interest by adding fun things along the way, such as bridges, a friend or family member's house, a farm, the zoo, anything that stands out in your mind. Use a variety of materials to give the feel of patchwork. Use fabric, markers, paint, crayon, paper, images cut from a magazine or trim to create a mixed medium rendition.

Place the finished maps together to form a family quilt of places to go.

Share:

We want to see your artwork! Take a photograph of your quilt(s) and share on social media by either tagging the Upcountry History Museum or using #UpcountryMuseum.



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