

Super Spies Comprehension Questions & Vocabulary Worksheet

[Super Spies Animated Comic Video](#)

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Elementary Vocabulary

Prior to reading

Practice vocabulary with this [Quizlet](#).

American Civil War

Underground Railroad

Union

Confederate

During reading

Practice vocabulary with this [Quizlet](#).

liberated/liberation/liberating

spy ring

cipher

Comprehension Questions

Use the Super Spies transcript to find the answers to the comprehension questions.

1. What was the Civil War fought over?

2. How did Elizabeth Van Lew, Harriet Tubman, and Mary Bowser use the assumptions that people made about them to be better spies?

3. How did Harriet Tubman use her experience with the Underground Railroad to help the Union army?

4. Why did Elizabeth Van Lew change her mind regarding slavery?

5. What sacrifices did Mary Bowser make to help the Union army?

Discussion Questions

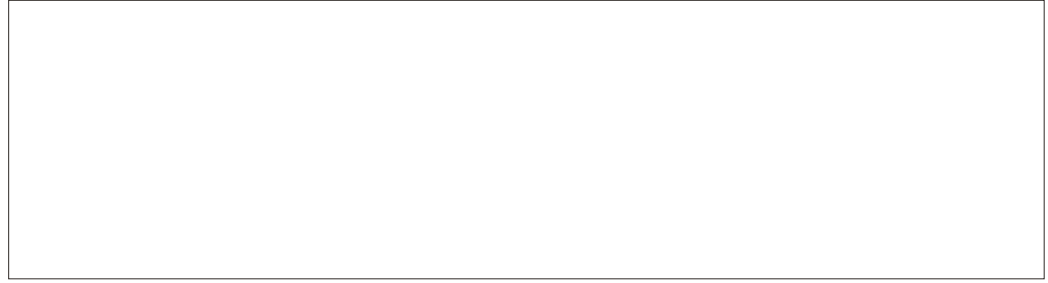
There are many right answers. Use textual evidence or personal experience to back up what you think.

6. Why don't many people know about the hundreds of women who helped the Union army as spies?

Cyclorama and
American Citizenship:
The Case of American
Identity

Secondary
Components

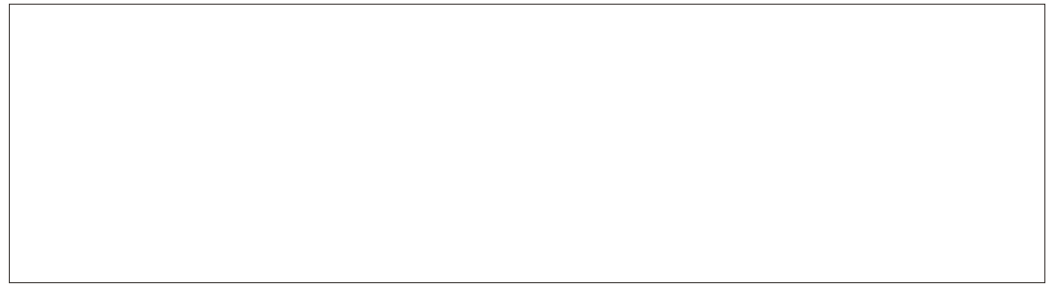
7. In their lifetime, to what extent did society recognize Elizabeth van Lew, Mary Bowser, and Harriet Tubman as full American citizens?



8. Why didn't Elizabeth Van Lew free all her slaves when she came to understand that slavery was cruel and evil?



9. Elizabeth Van Lew enslaved Mary Bowser until she was a teenager. How does this affect their relationship?



10. What about Harriet Tubman, Mary Bowser, and Elizabeth Van Lew shows characteristics of how you define American Identity?

