

Dear Harriet Tubman,

I am writing to thank you for all the sacrifices you have made to save people and lead America to freedom. Because of the efforts of freedom fighters like you, everyone in America today is living a free life regardless of our skin color, our culture, and our beliefs.

When I first learned about you in second grade, I couldn't stop thinking about what a difficult life you were born into. At a young age, when children enjoy playing, reading, school, and making friends, you and your family were living a life of slavery. Learning about your challenges and the kind of life you had made me realize the privilege of freedom we have today.

I truly admire your bravery and determination. At the age of thirteen, when you suffered that terrible head injury, it didn't stop you, to keep on going. For the rest of your life, you had to live with terrible headaches, sleeping spells, and sudden visions. Even with these disabilities, you didn't let it stop you from securing not only your own freedom, but also the freedom of others around you.

It is inspiring to me that other people's freedom was just as important to you as your own freedom. Even after you escaped slavery and found freedom for yourself, you made the dangerous choice of returning not once, not twice, but many times on the Underground Railroad to free other people who were enslaved. Every time you made the long journey back to lead and become a conductor on the Underground Railroad, you showed bravery, determination, and selflessness. I can't believe that you saved about seventy people on the Underground Railroad, and more than seven hundred people later in your life.

Learning about you and your life's story motivates me in my life to keep on going no matter what the problem is. I want to follow your example of being helpful in my school and in my community. I hope I always have the strength to stand for what's right like you had, and I hope I can make this world a better place even if it is in some small way.

Thank you again for making remarkable sacrifices, and making huge risks to fight for freedom and equality that we enjoy in America today. Your story is a reminder to us to always be brave, determined, and selfless wherever we go.

With gratitude and respect,
Aavya Chopra