

## **Freedom Code Study Guide:**

The purpose of this guide is to suggest areas of focus for students and teachers. These questions can be used as: a transition activity before arriving at the theatre, a way to gauge students' knowledge of subjects that will be covered in the play, as a follow up activity after the play, or as a spring board for follow up activities and / or units.

This play and its study guide questions deal with subjects that are aligned with three of the **Illinois Learning Standards:**

STATE GOAL 16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, the United States and other nations.

STATE GOAL 18: Understand social systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

STATE GOAL 14: Understand political systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

1. Who was Susan B. Anthony?
2. Who was John Jones?
3. How did slaves communicate on the Underground Railroad?
4. How was slavery important to the American economy?

#### Challenge Questions:

What were the effects of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry?

Ms. Twist is one of the main characters in *The Freedom Code*. In the play she says that slavery is, "...more about the fearful and greedy side of human nature." In your own words write an explanation of what you think this statement means.