Burncoat Middle “Harriet Tubman” Grade 7 #2 Exemplar

The early years of Harriet Tubman’s life contributed to her later becoming a conductor on the Underground Railroad. The events that Harriet went through as a child made her want to be free. She could not take the harshness, and cruelty anymore. Harriet had to be free, something she always wanted.

When Tubman was 5, not even old enough to take care of herself, she was taking care of an infant. She didn’t have any sleep, especially not the amount that all young children should have. If she happened to dose off she would get beaten by the baby’s mother. Harriet’s mother would nurse her back to health and then she would work again. This led to her wanting freedom at a very young age.

As a slave, Harriet was damaged for life. This is because she had a good heart. One day when she refused to help a man beat another young slave. The slave owner got upset and threw a heavy iron weight trying to hit the young slave. However, he missed and it hit Harriet. It caused her to become unconscious and have seizures til the day she passed. This harshness add on to the reasons why she did not want to be a slave.

Finally, Tubman decided to escape. Apparantly her life was becoming too much so she was willing to take the risk. She fled using the Underground Railroad. It provided ways to secretly help slaves escape and become free. She became a “conductor” by going back to Maryland (where she used to be a slave) after she was free to lead her family and friends to …) Since she was already free, she decided to help those she loved and “show” them the way to freedom.

Each article shows an event in Harriet Tubman’s life. Together, theu show that she became a woman who was not going to be told what to do, she was going to be free. That’s what she wanted since she was a child. She decided to actually take actions when she was older, and help other slaves out as well.