

# The Great Escape of Ellen and William Craft treasure hunt clues

<p><b>CLUE 1: THE BEGINNING</b></p> <p>It's December 1948, and Ellen and William Craft are planning their escape. Ellen had a paler skin tone, meaning she could pass as white. She disguised herself as a disabled white gentleman, travelling north for medical treatment, with William pretending to be her slave. Find something you can disguise yourself with.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 2: THE ESCAPE</b></p> <p>Over four days they travelled from Georgia to Pennsylvania, where slavery was illegal. They travelled by steamboat and train, arriving in Philadelphia on Christmas Day. They were helped by abolitionists, who were people who wanted to end slavery. Find something they used to travel.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 3: THE JOURNEY</b></p> <p>They travelled to Boston, Massachusetts. William started a furniture business, and Ellen worked as a seamstress. Find something they might have made.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 4: CHANGE IN THE LAW</b></p> <p>In 1850, the Fugitive Slave Act was passed, making it illegal for free states to help escaped slaves. The Crafts' former owners sent people after them. Find something you might use to look for things.</p>	

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<p><b>CLUE 5: FLEEING TO ENGLAND</b> Fearing for their lives, the Crafts fled to England, arriving in Liverpool in December 1850. Find something you might use to help you find your way on a long journey.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 6: LECTURING AGAINST SLAVERY</b> In England, they traveled around the country, giving lectures against slavery and inspiring large audiences. Find something you could use to make a speech.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 7: LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE</b> They spent three years at Ockham School in Surrey, where they learned to read and write, and taught others skills, such as carpentry and handicrafts. Find something that helps you learn to read.</p>	
<p><b>CLUE 8: ACTIVISM</b> They helped organise the London Emancipation Society to help others find freedom and continued to speak out against slavery. In 1860, under William's name, they published their escape story titled 'Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom'. Find something you might use to write a book.</p>	

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**CLUE 10: OPENING THEIR OWN SCHOOL**

After the American Civil War ended and enslaved people were freed, the Crafts travelled back to Boston in America in 1869. With money from supporters, they bought a cotton farm in Georgia. In 1873, they started the Woodville Cooperative Farm School to help teach and employ people who had just gained their freedom. Find something that's cotton.



**CLUE 11: SCHOOL CLOSURE AND DEATH**

Although they had periods of good fortune, the school eventually closed for lack of funding, and the Crafts also suffered attacks from racists. Ellen died in 1891, and William passed away in 1900. Find something that might be used to remember important people.



**WELL DONE!**

**You've completed the treasure hunt.**