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Harriet Tubman: Reading Comprehension

Nonfiction: History · about 185 words

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   A. the history of nursing B. Harriet Tubman's brave work helping people escape slavery
   C. life in Pennsylvania D. how trains were built

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