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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893)

What would you like to be when you grow up? If you are like Mary Ann Shadd, you might end up doing many different things.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary lived in both the United States and Canada. In her lifetime, she was an anti-slavery activist, journalist, newspaper publisher, teacher, and lawyer.

Born Free

Mary Ann Shadd was born to free parents in the slave state of Delaware. While Mary Ann's parents were not slaves, they devoted their lives to helping other African Americans to be free from slavery.

Her parents were abolitionists. Their home was a stop (or "station") on the Underground Railroad. Mary Ann learned about the importance of helping others from her parents.

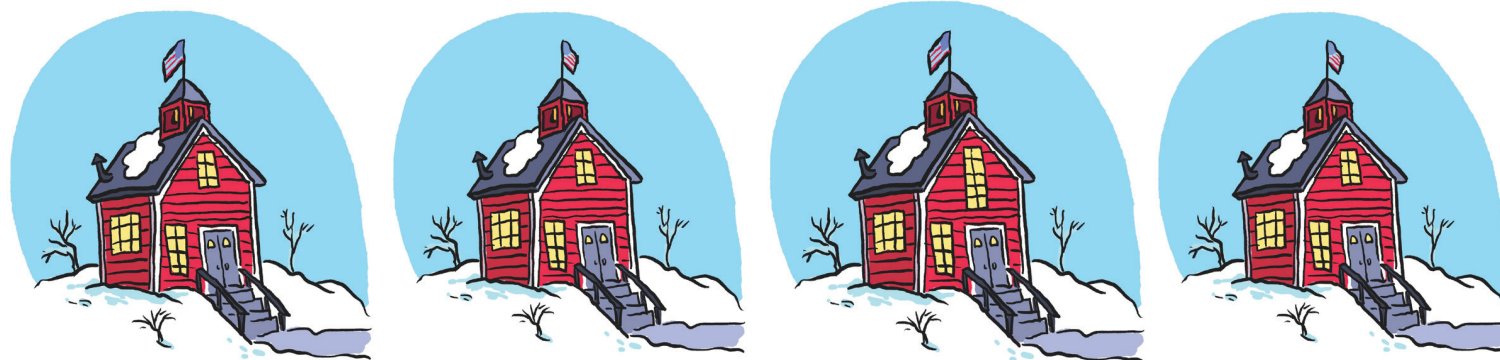
WORD BOX

Abolitionist: A person who supported Abolition, or the ending of slavery before the American Civil War. To abolish something means to get rid of it. Abolitionists wanted to get rid of slavery.

Determined to Learn and Teach

When Mary Ann was a child, it was against the law for Blacks to go to school in the state of Delaware. The Shadd family moved to Pennsylvania in 1833 where Mary Ann could go to school. When she finished school, she spent the next 12 years teaching Black children in Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania.

Circle the two identical school houses.



Move to Canada

In 1851, Mary Ann moved to Canada. There were more opportunities for Black people in Canada at that time than in the United States. She started writing booklets about the advantages of living in Canada, encouraging Black people in the United States to move north.

Journalist

Mary Ann wanted to tell the story of Black people living in freedom in Canada. She started a newspaper to do just that. She was the first Black woman in North America to publish her own newspaper.

On March 24, 1853, Mary Ann published the first copy of her weekly newspaper.

Use the code to discover the name of Mary Ann's newspaper.

26 = A	20 = G	14 = M	8 = S
25 = B	19 = H	13 = N	7 = T
24 = C	18 = I	12 = O	6 = U
23 = D	17 = J	11 = P	5 = V
22 = E	16 = K	10 = Q	4 = W
21 = F	15 = L	9 = R	3 = Y

7 19 22

11 9 12 5 18 13 24 18 26 15

21 9 22 22 14 26 13

Return to the U.S. During Civil War

She was persistent. She never gave

Cut out the strips and paste them in the correct order on another sheet of paper.

States during the Civil War to sign

Mary Ann returned to the United

up Black men for the Union Army.

in the United States.

help Black people be free

up her hope or the hard work to

Extra! Extra!
Picture Details

Good writing includes lots of interesting details. Practice being a detail detective by carefully studying a photograph from the newspaper. Then make a list of all of the details you observe. Can you list 25 or more?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Later in Life: Another First



Later she moved to Washington, D.C., where she once again worked as a teacher. Years later, Mary Ann pursued law studies at Howard University. She was the first Black woman to attend Howard University. In 1883 she became one of the first Black women to complete a law degree.

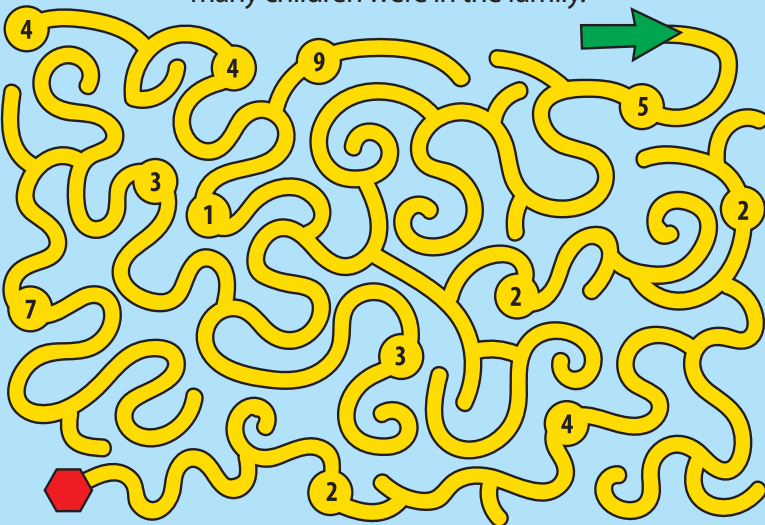
Mary Ann was born in 1823. How old was she when she completed her law degree?

_____ years old.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mary Ann's Family

Mary Ann was the oldest child of a large family. Add up the numbers on the correct path of the maze to find out how many children were in the family.



Double Double Word Search

- PUBLISHER
- ABOLITION
- ACTIVIST
- SLAVERY
- FREEDOM
- DEVOTED
- TEACHER
- CANADA
- HOWARD
- CIVIL
- BLACK
- HARD
- SIGN
- STOP
- LAW

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

R D E T O V E D A R
E A H K C A L B C E
H S T O P S O A T H
C D A C W L N L I S
A R R O I A M A V I
E A D T D V R W I L
T H I A I E I D S B
M O D E E R F L T U
N G I S S Y H E D P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Fact and Opinion

A good journalist knows the difference between fact and opinion. Look through the newspaper and underline five facts in green. Underline five opinions in red.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the difference between fact and opinion.



Why do newspaper reporters hang out in ice cream shops?

ANSWER: They're hoping to get a scoop.

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