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**Born Free** 

from slavery.



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Mary Ann Shadd was born to free

parents in the slave state of Delaware.

ing other African Americans to be free

Her parents were abolitionists. Their

home was a stop (or "station") on the

learned about the importance of helping

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.

Underground Railroad. Mary Ann

others from her parents.

While Mary Ann's parents were not slaves, they devoted their lives to help-



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893)

hat 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.

# **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.









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.

# **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 = 0	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

**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.

# 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

## **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.

**PUBLISHER** 

**ABOLITION** 

**ACTIVIST** 

## **Kid Scoop Together:**

# **Scoop the** Scoop

You are the journalist! When journalists report on the news, they answer a list of questions to write an article. These questions are:

Who is the news about? **What** happened? When did it happen? Where did it happen? **How** did it happen? Why did it happen?

Read today's Kid Scoop page about Mary Ann Shadd and then answer the journalist questions.

Who is this page about?

What did she do?

When did she do these things?

Where did she do these things?

How and why did she do these things?

Use these answers above to write a Black History Month article about Mary Ann Shadd.

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# This week's word:

**ACTIVIST** 

The noun **activist** means a person who campaigns to bring about change.

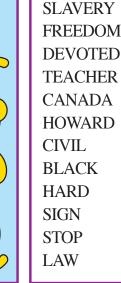
The school activist spoke at the town hall meeting about the need for safer playground equipment.

Try to use the word activist in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## **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.



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

RDETOVEDAR EAHKCALBCE H S T O P S O A T H CDACWLNLIS ARROIAMAVI EADTDVRWIL THIAIEIDSB MODEERFLTU NGISSYHEDP

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

If you could invent something new and useful, what would it be? What would your new invention do?

