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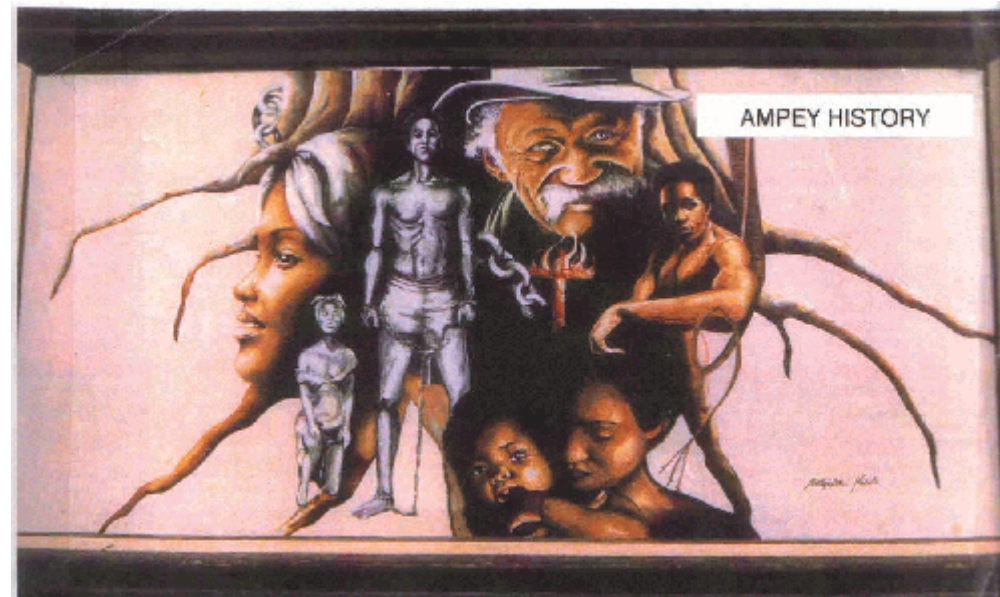
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Michiana Freedom Trails Awareness Project



The Michiana Freedom Trails Awareness Project will provide area students a unique opportunity to experience and understand the rich history of the Underground Railroad through interpretive tours to significant historical sites in Michiana. Participants will receive advance reading materials and a copy of the Center for History-produced "A Free Life" DVD. Daylong excursions will allow for fifty participants. In addition to tour narration by Brother Sage, other presenters will meet the tour at various stops to add their unique perspectives. A photographer and a journalist from the South Bend Tribune will be on each tour to record the visuals and capture the reactions and thoughts of the participants. Within weeks of completion of the second tour, a focus group will be held with all participants and instructors to discuss the takeaway messages and conceptual content for exhibit development.



Africa's Gift to the World

- Brief history
- Resources
- Middle passages
- Caribbean connections
- First major western uprising
- Peculiar Institution
- King Cotton

Safety in the New World

- Network to freedom
- Geographic distribution
- Eastern seaboard
- Kentucky borderland
- Ohio
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Illinois
- Canada

Souls Seeking Safety

- Numbers
- Conductors
- Ancestral ties
- Native Americans
- Liberating friends
- Exhibiting projects

Description of program

- 50-100 students
- Pre- and post-assessments
- Center for History-produced DVD, "A Free Life"
- 3 meetings prior and 3 follow-up meetings (Tuesdays and Saturdays)
- 2 tours of the St. Joseph River Valley region

Student Requirements

- 90% attendance of meetings
- Keep journal
- Each group responsible for design of an exhibit
- Participation in presentations to schools and other organizations

