



ROAD TO FREEDOM

CHARACTER MOTIVATION BRAINSTORMING

Directions: Review your notes on character motivation. Then, working with your group, answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper to help you brainstorm your character and his or her motivations.

1. Why does your character support or oppose slavery?
2. How would he or she defend this position to others?
3. What beliefs does your character have regarding the rights of humans?
4. How would your character respond in a threatening situation?
5. What motivates him or her to behave in this way?
6. Does your character agree with the actions of the government regarding the fugitive slave bill? Explain.
7. How would your character justify his or her actions when dealing with a runaway slave?
8. What political figure of the time does your character most admire? Explain.
9. What kinds of risks would your character be willing to take to support his or her views? Explain.