



“Oney Judge's Daring Escape from Slavery” Suggestions for Viewing Episode

Heritage Storytime Program Description: Heritage Storytime (HS) is a series of monthly storytime episodes presented virtually for children. Each HS episode will focus on a heritage-related theme and will feature a children’s book read-along as well as complementary learning materials and activities.

Episode Description: Join us for our first virtual Heritage Storytime episode! We were at the [African American Museum in Philadelphia](#) reading the book [My Name Is Oney Judge](#) to learn all about Judge’s daring escape from slavery in President George Washington’s house in Philadelphia. Then we learned more about slavery in Early America with a demonstration at the [Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery in Germantown](#). We shared lots of additional learning resources and activities in a [Resource Guide](#).

Book: [My Name Is Oney Judge](#) ** by local author Diane D. Turner and illustrator Cal Massey.
**Not currently available for purchase (possible Spring 2021 reprinting through Third World Press)

Here are some questions that teachers, students, and families can explore when they view this episode of HS:

1. How does Melissa help you to think about heritage?
2. What can we learn from stories about Philadelphia?
3. Who was Oney Judge? Why did she run away from Philadelphia in 1796? Who helped her to escape? How?
4. Where did she go? What happened to her?
5. Did she ever return to Philadelphia and the Washingtons? Why? Why not?
6. What did you learn about Oney Judge’s childhood as a slave?
7. What were three of the artifacts that meant the most to you in your new understanding of slavery from your visit to Ms. Ragsdale’s museum? Why did you pick these three?
8. What did you learn about slave auctions?
9. What was the Underground Railroad and how did it work? Who were some of the people who helped?
10. What more would you like to learn about slavery? How would you find out this information?
11. If you wrote a story about slavery, who would be the characters? What kinds of pictures would you draw to go along with your story? Why?
12. What did you learn about the history of Philadelphia?