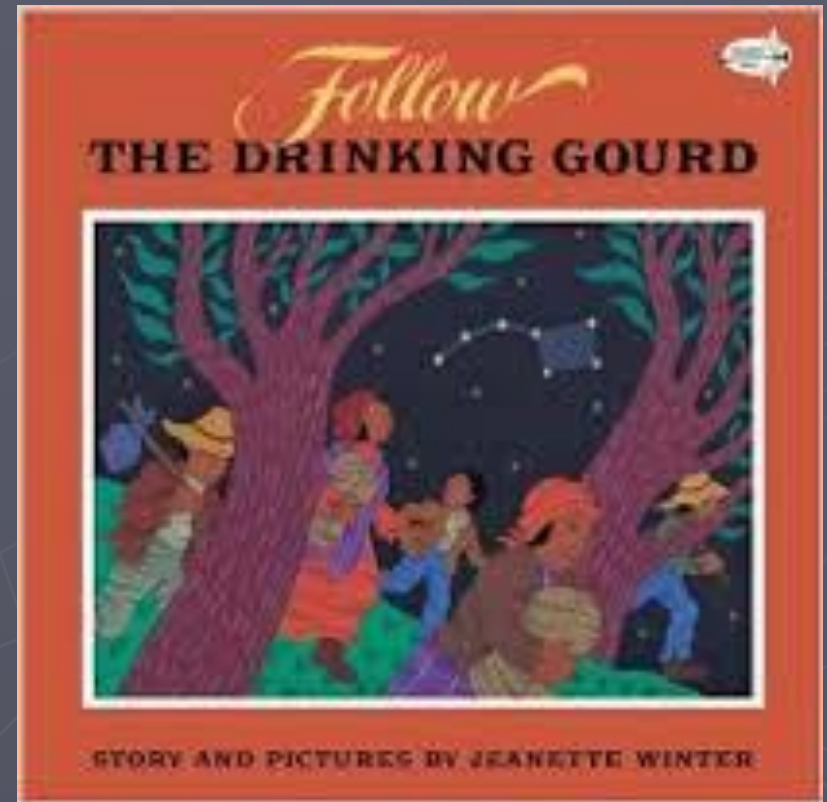


Follow the Drinking Gourd

Song Lyrics (Click on picture to access song)



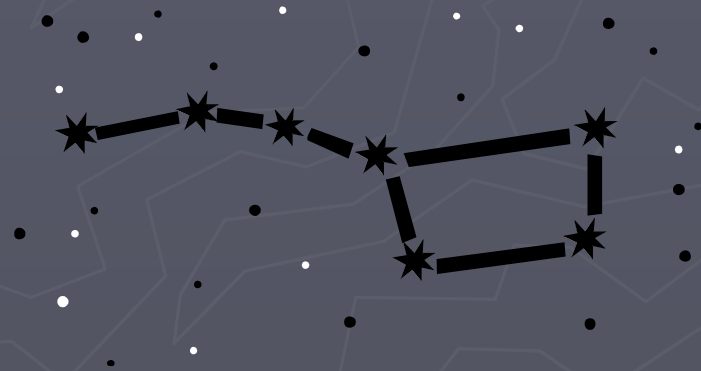
Songs and quilts helped lead slaves to freedom.



Follow the Drinking Gourd! Follow the Drinking Gourd!

➤ The Drinking Gourd = the Big Dipper

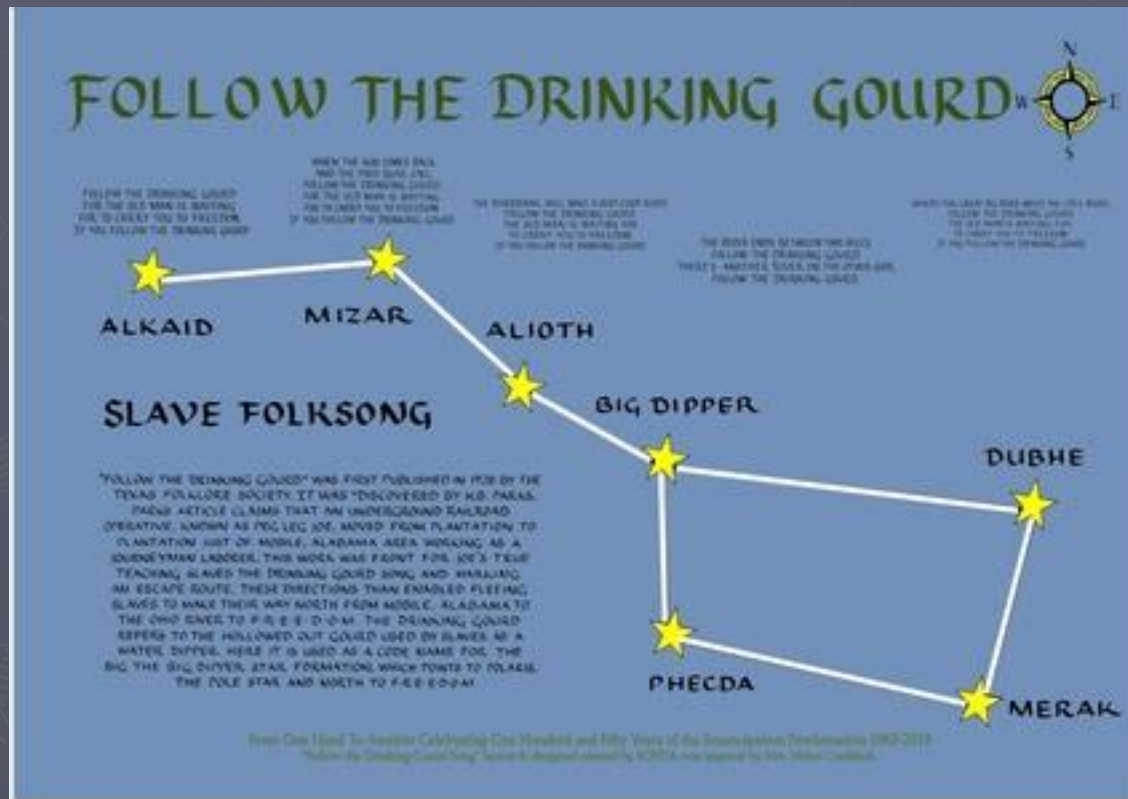
➤ Points north



For the old man is awaiting for to carry you to freedom.

- ▶ Old Man is slang for a captain.
- ▶ Old Man = Peg Leg Joe

Where & When



When the sun comes back and the first quail calls

- ▶ “Sun comes back” = Spring
 - the days get longer
- ▶ “the first quail calls” = mid-April
 - quail breeding season



Mobile, Alabama - North



The riverbank makes a very good road,

- “river” = Tombigbee river which is in Alabama



The dead trees will show you the way,

- ▶ Charcoal mud markings were put on trees and rocks as a guide.



Left foot, peg foot traveling on

- ▶ The markings were of a human left foot and a round spot for the right foot

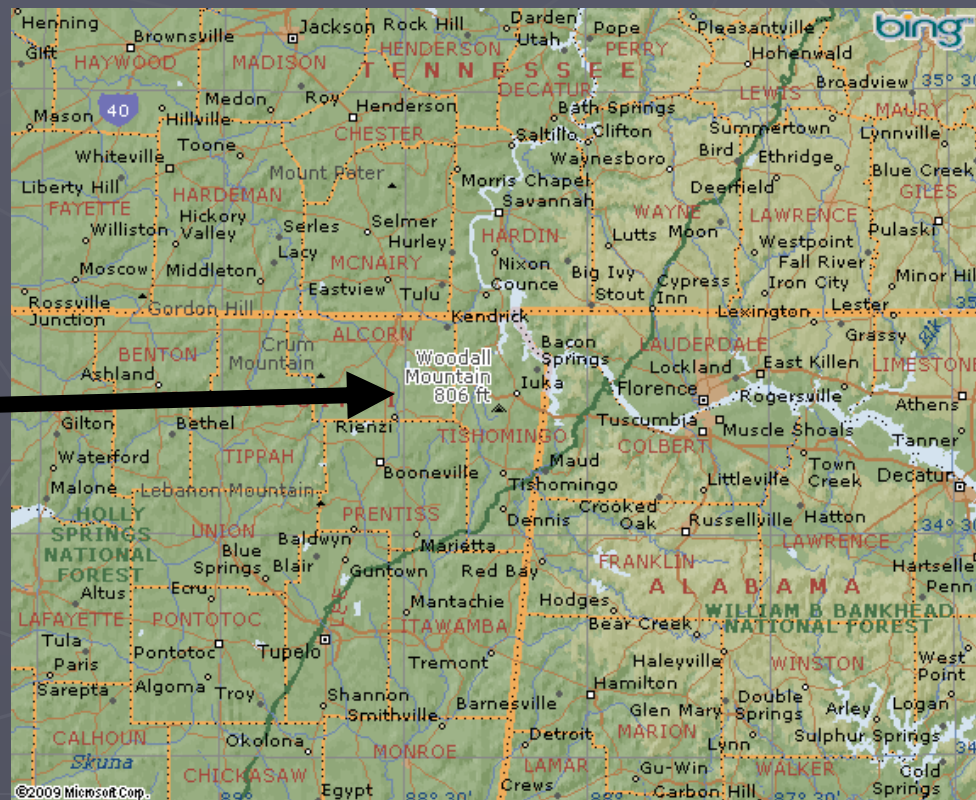


Mississippi - Tennessee



The river ends between two hills.

- The Tombigbee River ends at Woodall Mountain.



There's another river on the other side.

- ▶ Cross to the left side of the Tennessee River.
 - Why? It had a more direct northern route to Ohio.



End of the Route

Follow
THE DRINKING GOURD



Where the great big river meets the little river

- Big river = Ohio River
- Little river = Tennessee River



The old man is awaiting for to carry you to freedom.

- ▶ A guide will be waiting where the rivers
meet.







The Drinking Gourd



The North
Star



The Big Dipper
or
Drinking Gourd







Tape Art Student Objective:

Create the Big Dipper and the North Star using tape on the wall or your table.

