Exploring the Underground Railroad Through the Arts
Worksheet 3

Directions: Historians say African American slaves may have used a quilt code to navigate the Underground Railroad. Quilts with patterns named "wagon wheel," "tumbling blocks," and "bear's paw" appear to have contained secret messages that helped direct slaves to freedom. On Lesson 3, go to the quilt sites and see the different quilt samples. Draw your own quilt pattern that has a message that could help a slave find their way to freedom.