

Underground Railroad Quilts: Fact or Folklore?

Using the computer for research and what you know about reputable sources, triangulation, and the quilt controversy, answer the following questions to help you assess whether or not the Underground Railroad Quilt is a fact or merely folklore. You may word-process your answers or write your responses on a separate sheet of paper. Be prepared to share your findings and conclusions with the class.

1. How many reputable sources can you find that criticize the quilt theory? What makes these sources reputable?
2. Provide quotes from at least three separate sources that demonstrate criticism of the quilt theory.
3. How many reputable sources can you find that provide support for the quilt theory? What makes these sources reputable?
4. Provide quotes from at least three separate sources that indicate support for the quilt theory.
5. Describe at least one example where two sources contradict each other. In your opinion, which source has the stronger argument?
6. What is your conclusion regarding the Underground Railroad Quilt theory? Is it fact or folklore? Explain in paragraph form using at least three sources as evidence for your conclusion.