

## ACTIVITY 11

# SLAVE POPULATION OF UNITED STATES: 1790-1860

### Part I - Construct a Graph

**Directions:** Using the information listed in Figure 1, create a graph that illustrates the slave population in the US from 1790-1860. The information provided comes from the U.S. Census Returns which have been compiled every ten (10) years since 1790. Slavery was abolished by the Thirteenth Amendment, passed in 1865.

Total Number of Slaves Living in the United States	
1790 -	697,897
1800 -	893,041
1810 -	1,191,364
1820 -	1,538,038
1830 -	2,009,050
1840 -	2,487,455
1850 -	3,204,313
1860 -	3,953,760

Figure 1: Slave Population in the US

**Using the information in Figure 1, answer the following questions:**

1. Did the slave population in United States change or remain the same between 1790 and 1860? [History Standard 1 - continuity v change]
2. Why might the slave population in the US have changed or remained the same from 1790-1860? [History Standard 1 - causation]
3. Is there enough information to draw a reasonable conclusion about whether there was an active Underground Railroad in the United States during the first half of the 19th Century? Why or why not?