

# Run Like a Fugitive Glossary



**alley:** a narrow street or passageway between buildings



**assassination:** to murder a usually important person by a surprise or secret attack



**casket:** a box or case to hold a dead body; coffin



**conductor:** a person who collects fares in a public means of transportation (as a bus or railroad) \*Also used to describe those who helped slaves escape to the North through the Underground Railroad).



**Emancipation Proclamation:** Abraham Lincoln's executive declaration pronouncing that all persons held as slaves in areas in rebellion against the United States would henceforth be free



**fugitive:** a person who runs away or tries to escape



**racism:** a belief that certain races of people are by birth and nature superior to others



**tyrant:** a ruler who has no legal limits on his or her power by law or constitution

**Underground Railroad:** a system of cooperation in the U.S. before 1883 by which slaves were secretly helped to reach the North or Canada