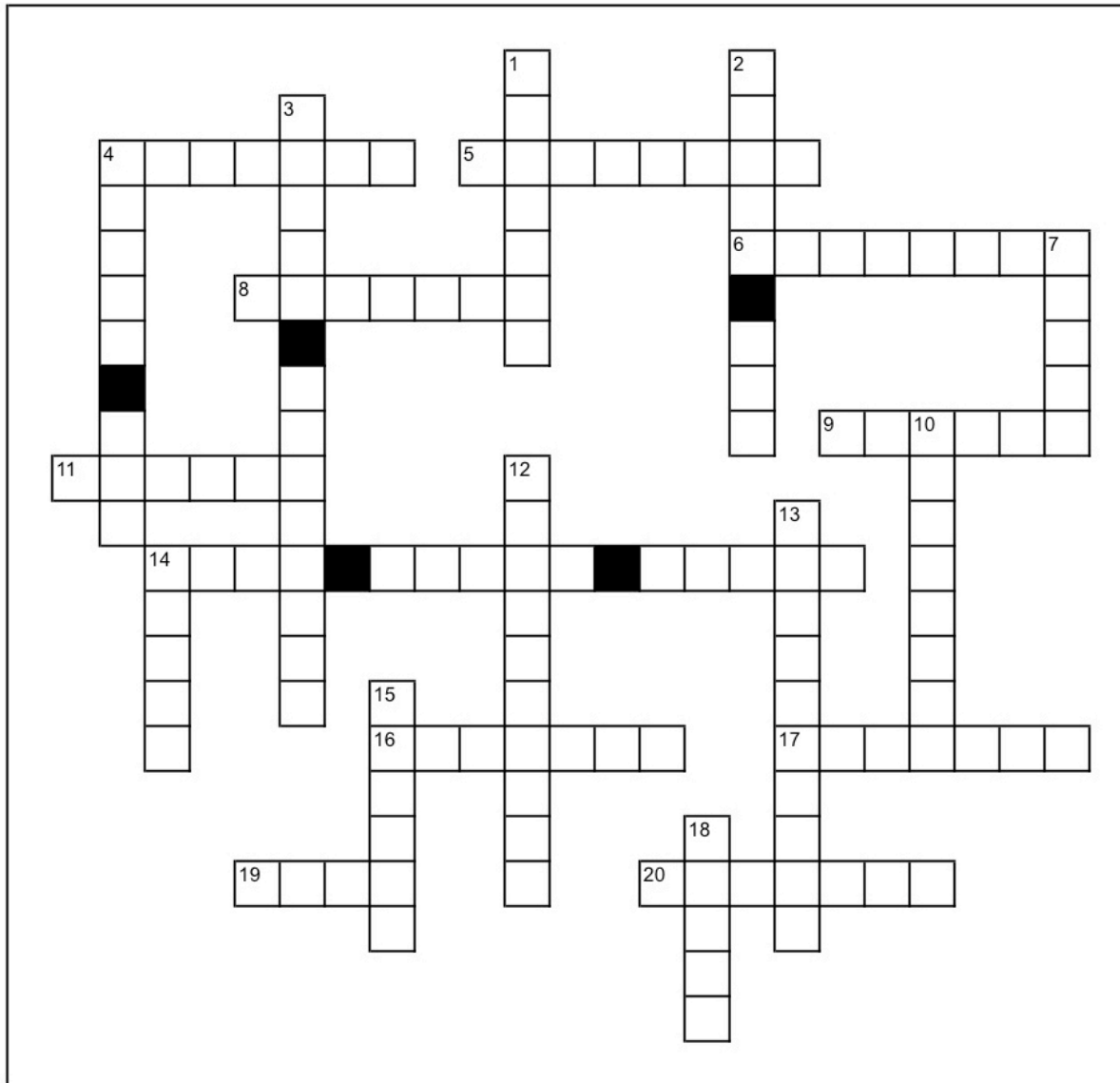


SEVEN MILES TO FREEDOM: THE ROBERT SMALLS STORY

“Robert liked talking to the workers on the ships. In hushed voices they told him stories of ‘Up North’ where all colored people were free to learn to read and write.” Demonstrate your reading skills and your knowledge of Robert Smalls in this crossword, based on *Seven Miles to Freedom: The Robert Smalls Story*.



ACROSS

4. Robert knew the ship's cargo of _____ would be valuable to the Union
5. The crew and their families were able to escape because the ship's _____ broke regulations and left the ship at night
6. Robert's position on the crew
8. Robert learned the secret steam _____ signals.
9. Robert's wife
11. After years of working on the docks and in the shipyards, Robert became a _____
14. Once past the last Confederate gun, Robert ordered "_____!"
16. Growing up, Robert watched other slaves being sold at _____
17. All his life, Robert wished for _____
19. The plan for escape started as a _____
20. The ship Robert commandeered

DOWN

1. Robert's age when he became foreman of a crew on the docks
2. What Robert wore to convince observers that he was the captain
3. Where Robert lived
4. This brought both hope and uncertainty to Robert and his wife
7. Robert wanted to leave Charleston for the _____
10. Robert learned to _____, steering through narrow channels and around hidden rocks
12. Robert spent his early years on a _____
13. Even when he was working at a hotel, Robert was drawn to the _____
14. Robert took down the Confederate and state _____, and raised a white sheet
15. Robert was owned by _____ McKee
18. Robert started life as a _____