



**EMILY GREY:
ON THE SIDE OF FREEDOM**
Discussion Questions

Name: _____
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1. Ralph Grey arrived in St. Anthony in 1855, and Emily Goodridge Grey arrived in 1857. What were their occupations in St. Anthony? Why did so many African American men have the same occupation as Ralph Grey during that time period?
2. Both black and white Southerners came to Minnesota in the 1850s. How were their reasons for coming similar, and how were they different?
3. How do we know that abolitionism was important to Emily Goodridge Grey?
4. If you had been Emily or Ralph Grey, would you have helped Eliza Winston gain her freedom? What were some of the likely consequences for Emily or Ralph?
5. Who would you consider to be modern-day versions of Emily and Ralph Grey?

Think About: Because people in early St. Anthony knew that their economic success relied on visiting slaveholders, many people ignored the issue and allowed visitors to bring slaves with them. Do people still continue to do similar things today? When is this right and when is this wrong?

