# HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX Written by Ellen Levine, Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

# **Integration Themes:**

Art, Literature, Social Studies, and Cultural Relevancy

### Summary:

This is the poignant and true story of Henry Brown, an African American slave who escaped slavery by mailing himself to freedom. Henry traveled 350 miles in a large box, sometimes upside down and always cramped, from Richmond, Virginia to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

# **Materials**:

Cardboard box, any size brown paper or paper bag, Henry Box Brown graphics, scrap paper for birds, black marker, wire or pipe cleaners (optional), scissors, and glue.

# **Directions**:

- 1. Wrap box with brown paper bag.
- 2. Cut graphics and glue to two sides of the box. On one side write THIS SIDE UP WITH CARE.
- 3. Cut and glue birds onto box or attach to wire and glue.



