In the story, it states that many blacks had scrap rag dolls that they kept. This historic fact from the story is true. The facts that prove the information in the story are true are:

* Dolls have been created for children in early times for both blacks and whites. White dolls were not allowed to be played with blacks so black moms made their own with scrap cloth.
* Black moms sewn rag dolls with love, using recycled fabrics and textiles. Some rag dolls were passed down from one generation to the next.
* Historicalfolktoys.com
* Blackdollcollectiong.blogspot.com

In the story, it states that blacks got whipped by overseers when they did something they were not supposed to do. This historic fact from the story is true. The facts that prove the information in the story are true are:

* White slave owners abused the slaves by whipping, harassing or even hanging them. They also broke up families. Laws provided slaves with no protection from their masters. On plantations, overseers whipped slaves.
	+ S.S. 5th Grade Textbook-Social Studies, The United States, by Scott Foresman

In the story, it states that young kids who were blacks were expected to work even at really young ages. This historic fact from the story is true. The facts that prove the information in the story are true are:

* Pregnant women work until the child is born. When the child reaches 8 or 9 they would work.
* Slave children received harsh punishment. Such as getting whipped or eating worms, if they failed to pick them off the cotton or tobacco plants.
* [www.chnm.gmu.edu](http://www.chnm.gmu.edu)

In the author’s note, it states that blacks had rag dolls in the 1800s-1900s. Most dolls were handmade out of scrap cloth. The facts that prove the information in the author’s note is true are:

* Dolls have been created for every culture, handmade cloth rag dolls were used by mostly blacks since blacks couldn’t play with whites because of slavery.
* Black dolls were one of the 1st dolls made for children. Grandmothers and mothers passed scrap dolls down.
	+ Historicalfolktoys.com
	+ Blackdollcollecting.com

In the author’s note, it states that the Underground Railroad was active between the 1830s through the beginning of the Civil War. The facts that prove the information in the author’s note is false are:

* More than 4 decades before the Civil War, the Underground Railroad existed to help slaves escape from their masters
* The Underground Railroad was not underground nor a railroad. It had an extension through 14 states. It ended in 1850.
	+ School.eb.com
	+ History.com
	+ Historynet.com/Underground-Railroad

In the author’s note, it states that slaves used the Underground Railroad. The facts that prove the information in the author’s note is true are:

* Canada was called the “promise land”. This is because slaves were not allowed to have a free life.
* The Underground Railroad required secrecy in order to get slaves to freedom. Harriet Tubman helped a lot.
	+ History.com/slavery
	+ Blackhistorycanada.ca

In the author’s note, it states that some slaves were caught trying to escape to freedom. If caught, slaves were taken back to their masters and punished (toes cut off). The facts that prove the information in the author’s note is true are:

* Fugitive slaves would be flogged, branded, jailed, sold back to slavery, or even killed.
* Slaves were painfully shackled if they ran away to freedom and also whipped.
	+ Eiu.edu/underground-railroad
	+ Encyclopediafalabama.org

3 additional facts about the Underground Railroad are:

* The Underground Railroad got its name because its activities had to be carried out in secret, using darkness or disguise and because railway terms were used by those involved in the system.
* The Underground Railroad was like a secret meeting place, secret routes, passageways, and safe house used by slaves in the US.
* The Underground Railroad was used by runaway blacks seeking safety who wanted freedom.
	+ History.com/slavery
	+ Historynet.com/underground railroad
	+ Encyclopedia.com/underground railroad

To learn more about the Underground Railroad: Britannica.com/topic/Underground-Railroad

The artifact that represents the story and the Underground Railroad is a rag doll because it shows that blacks used the Underground Railroad with their dolls. It also shows how some dolls were left behind by their owners in the Underground Railroad. The rag doll also shows how black moms had to use scrap cloth to make their child a doll. Lastly, the rag doll shows how much a black mom cares for her child since these dolls were made to show love.