

Fitzgerald

Causes of the Civil War - Kicking Northerners off the Fence

Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 (part of Compromise that brought California in as free state)

Video Clip - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZaFJM-CMbs>

- Ridiculously unfair!
 - Special government officials could arrest any person accused of being a runaway slave in any Northern state
 - All Northerners are required to help capture runaways
 - can be fined if don't and jailed if help accused black person instead
 - Only proof required - any White witness to swear the suspect was the slaveholder's property
 - No real trial -
 - No judge - government official decides
 - gets paid \$5 if decides free, \$10 if decides slave
- Watching these unfair captures – Northerners begin to be convinced slavery is evil

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Video Clip - From *America the Story of Us* – Connection between Fugitive Slave Law and Uncle Tom's Cabin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnWokuQ6kcA>

Video Clip – Meet Harriet Beecher Stowe and See why she wrote this novel -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijFy4RjYGbQ>

- deeply upset by Fugitive Slave Act
- Wanted to write something so the nation could “feel what an accursed thing slavery was”
 - makes slavery a human, moral problem - not a political one
- tells the story of a slave named Tom who is whipped to death when he helps a young slave mother escape with her son
 - a bestseller in the North - sells
- When President Abraham Lincoln met Stowe during the Civil War he said to her, “So you're the little woman who started this big war.”

Bloodshed in the Senate

Video Clip - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuT3kBw17o0>

- Senator Charles Sumner, an abolitionist from Massachusetts, gives a speech against the pro-slave government in Kansas
 - South Carolina senator of encouraging violence
- A member of the House Preston Brooks, nephew of the South Carolina senator, goes to the Senate
 - beats Sumner over the head more than 30 times with a heavy cane
 - while he is trapped in his chair pushed up to his desk
 - left him bloody and unconscious on the floor
- Southerners support this violent act
 - sent Brooks hundreds of new canes to replace the one he broke
 - canes engraved with "Hit him again!"

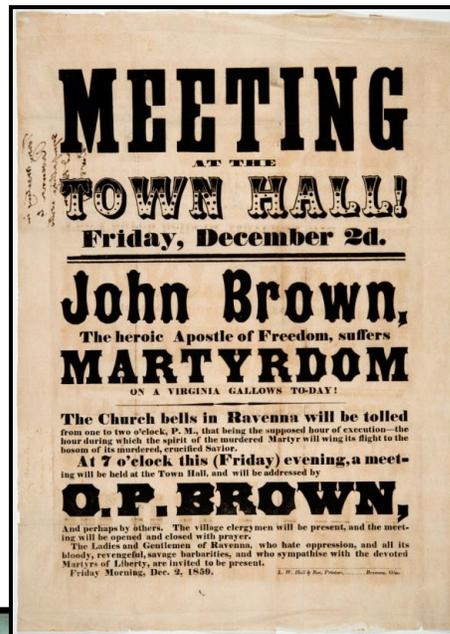
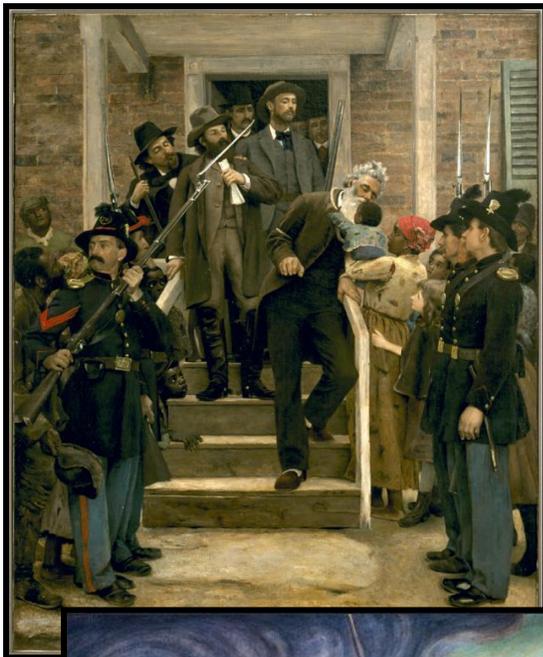


John Brown Raid on Harper's Ferry

Video Clip on Raid America the story of US - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlorHCv5QDs>

Video Clip of John Brown's incredible speech at his trial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMktgZbS2Qo>

- Brown had left Kansas after murdering 5 pro-slavers
- Brown and a small band of supporters, both Black and White, attack a federal arsenal in Harper's Ferry, Virginia
 - goal -
 - raid will spark slave rebellion
 - can give guns in arsenal to slaves
- quickly captured by troops led by Robert E. Lee and many of his men are killed
 - At trial, he defends himself by saying that the Bible led him to care for the poor and enslaved and that he is forfeiting his life for justice
- **North** - Church bells are tolled at the moment of his execution - all stop and listen
- **South** - shocked that he has become a martyr (hero)



Sung
by

Pete Seeger - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jso1YRQnpCI>
With video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSSn3NddwFQ>

John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave,
John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave,
John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave,
But his soul goes marching on.

CHORUS: Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
His soul goes marching on.

He's gone to be a soldier in the Army of the Lord,
He's gone to be a soldier in the Army of the Lord,
He's gone to be a soldier in the Army of the Lord,
His soul goes marching on.--CHORUS

John Brown's knapsack is strapped upon his back,
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His soul goes marching on.--CHORUS

John Brown died that the slaves might be free,
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His soul goes marching on.--CHORUS

The stars above in Heaven now are looking kindly down,
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His soul goes marching on.--CHORUS