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Causes of the Civil War - The [Abolitionist Movement](http://www.historynet.com/abolitionist-movement)

**The Abolition Movement -**

* a movement to end slavery in the United States
  + argued against slavery as a social and moral evil
  + though always a small group - forced people to see the issue
    - helped create the tension that led to the Civil War
* Note -
  + many abolitionists did not believe the two races were equal
  + most people in the North and South saw abolitionists as extremists
* Very dangerous to be leader often faced death threats
  + William Lloyd Garrison was nearly hanged by a mob in Boston - he was saved at the last minute by the mayor
  + a mob in Illinois murdered an editor of an abolitionist newspaper

**Abolitionist Activity - Started Newspapers**

* William Lloyd Garrison - founded *The Liberator*
  + the most famous and influential abolitionist newspaper
* Frederick Douglas - started own newspaper *The North Star*
  + because he disagreed with Garrison that force should not be used

**Abolitionist Activity - Sent Out Pamphlets**

* David Walker - a free Black man - wrote the most famous pamphlet "An Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World
  + called for slaves to rise up against their masters and to defend themselves:

“It is no more harm for you to kill a man who is trying to kill you,

than it is for you to take a drink of water when thirsty."

**Abolitionist Activity - Hosted Public Speaking Evenings**

* Frederick Douglass—a former slave - the most famous abolitionist
  + published an autobiography of his experiences as a slave
  + also toured in Europe
* Angelina and Sarah Grimke - daughters of a slave-holding family in South Carolina - most famous female speakers
  + spoke dramatically of first-hand experiences
  + dared to speak to mixed crowds of men and women, first to speak to a state legislature on the issue
  + wrote - "Appeal to the Christian Women of the South," *Slavery As It Is*
* Sojourner Truth - a old woman, a former slave. spoke in dialect of a slave wearing a slave's simple clothing
  + spoke against both slavery and for women's rights
  + gave famous speech - “Ain’t I a Woman?” at Ohio Women's Rights Convention

**Abolitionist Activity - Ran The Underground Railroad**

* a secret system that helped runaway slaves reach safety
  + runaways were hidden by people in safe spots, called "stations," during the day
  + then guided by "conductors" to the next "station" each night
* Harriet Tubman - a former slave - the most famous "conductor" on the "railroad"
  + made repeated trips back into South to help others
  + believed to have helped some 300 slaves to escape

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