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Causes of the Civil War - The Abolitionist Movement

The Abolition Movement - <https://www.thoughtco.com/timeline-of-abolition-movement-1830-1839-45408>

- a movement to end slavery in the United States
 - argued against slavery as a social and moral evil
- Note -
 - many abolitionists did not believe the two races were equal
 - most people in the North and South saw abolitionists as extremists
- though always a small group, their fight forced northerners to remember the slaves and helped create the tension that led to the Civil War
- New England was the center of the movement
 - though many in New England had participated through the shipping industry in importing slaves as part of their Atlantic trade
- Very dangerous to state abolitionist views - 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 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PbxSI-U89w>

- William Lloyd Garrison - founded *The Liberator*
 - the most famous and influential abolitionist newspaper
- Frederick Douglass - 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 - most famous speaker (and probably the most famous abolitionist of all)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMd5G4RpFLk>
 - published an autobiography of his experiences as a slave - because many claimed he was so eloquent that he could not have been a slave
 - also toured in Europe
- Angelina and Sarah Grimke - daughters of a slave-holding family in South Carolina - most famous female speakers
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzjWT1jyi1c>
 - spoke dramatically of first-hand experiences with horrors of slavery as daughters of a prominent Charleston judge and owner of two plantations
 - dared to speak to mixed crowds of men and women, first to speak to a state legislature on the issue, wrote
- Sojourner Truth - a old woman who was a former slave and spoke in the vernacular dialect of a slave wearing a slaves simple clothing
 - <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month/videos/aint-i-a-woman>
 - spoke against both slavery and for women's rights
 - gave famous speech - "Ain't I a Woman" at the Women's Rights

Abolitionist Activity - Ran The Underground Railroad

<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/ushistory/undergroundrailroad/> username rcspphome, password rcspp14

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/underground-railroad/videos/gateway-to-freedom-the-underground-railroad>

- a secret system that helped runaway slaves reach safety in the North or Canada
 - 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"
 - <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/harriet-tubman/videos/harriet-tubman-and-the-underground-railroad>
 - made repeated trips into Dixie to help others
 - believed to have helped some 300 slaves to escape

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