

A New Spirit of Change

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In the 1830s, Angelina and Sarah Grimké campaigned for abolitionism and women's rights.







In 1848, the first women's rights convention in the United States was held in Seneca Falls, New York.

Framing Question: What concerns caused American reformers to push for change in the 1800s, and how effective were their efforts?



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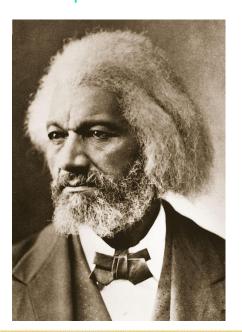


In 1851, formerly enslaved woman Sojourner Truth gave her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.

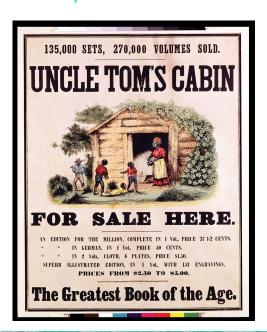


In 1831, William Lloyd Garrison started an abolitionist newspaper called *The Liberator*.





In the 1840s and 1850s, Frederick Douglass became a powerful voice for abolition, writing and speaking about his experiences as a formerly enslaved person.



Published in 1852, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe ignited public outrage against slavery.



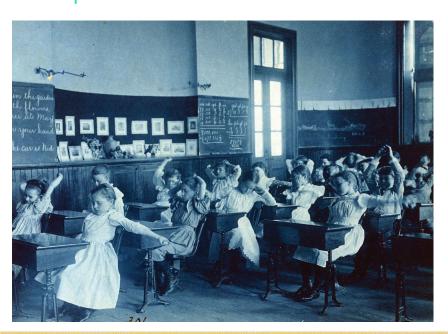


After escaping slavery in 1849, Harriet Tubman became one of the most successful conductors on the Underground Railroad.





In the 1840s, Dorothea Dix fought to improve treatment of prisoners and people who were mentally ill.

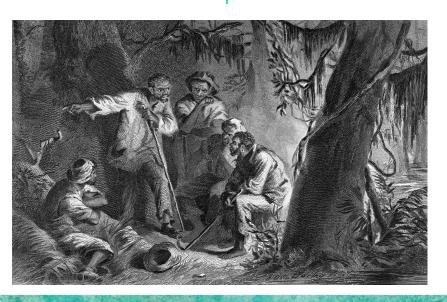


Because of his fight to improve the Massachusetts education system in the 1830s and 1840s, Horace Mann became known as the "father of the American public school."

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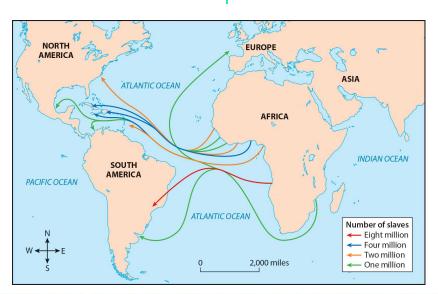


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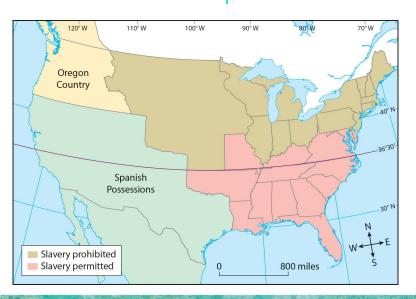
Enslaved people resisted in different ways. Some broke tools; others worked very slowly or pretended to be sick. Others openly rebelled, as in the German Coast Uprising in 1811 and Nat Turner's rebellion in 1831.





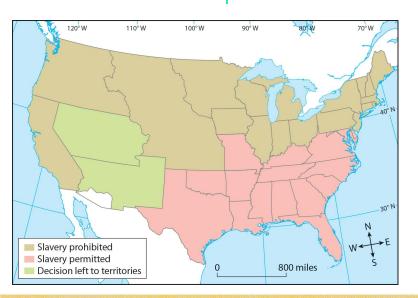
In 1807, the United States passed a law that made it illegal to import enslaved people from other countries.





The Missouri Compromise of 1820 tried to settle the issue of the spread of slavery by drawing a line from Missouri's southern border, dividing the rest of the Louisiana Purchase into free and slave portions.





The Compromise of 1850 temporarily calmed tensions between the North and the South over the issue of slavery.





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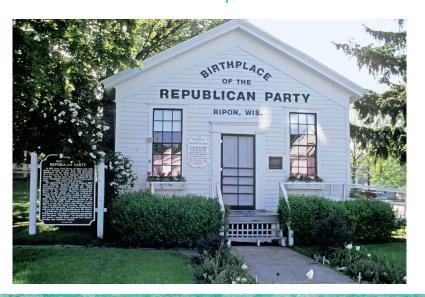
New Orleans, La , April 4, 1857.

The Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850 caused significant tension between the North and the South.

Framing Question: How did arguments regarding slavery contribute to the growth of sectionalism and rising tensions?

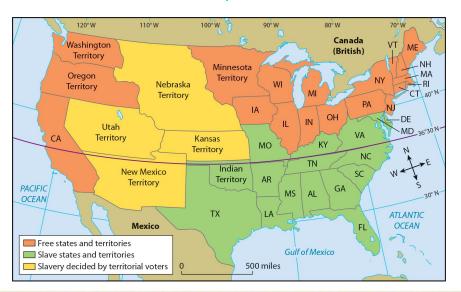


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The Republican Party emerged in 1854 as a response to sectional tensions and the growing influence of antislavery sentiment.



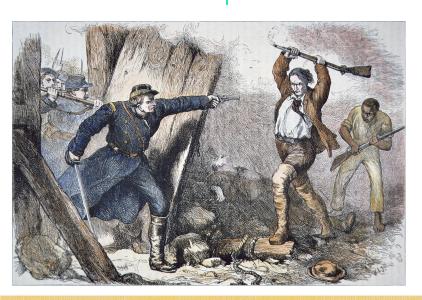


The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 led to a conflict in Kansas Territory that became known as "Bleeding Kansas."





In the *Dred Scott* decision (1857), the Supreme Court ruled that Scott was not a citizen, and thus he did not have the right to use the American justice system to gain his freedom.



In 1859, in an attempt to arm enslaved people, John Brown raided the arsenal at Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. His raid was unsuccessful, and he was put to death.

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