



Nat Turner (Abolitionist)

- Nat Turner led a revolt against slavery in Virginia.
 - Nat Turner was born in 1800 in Southampton County, Virginia.
 - In 1831, Nat Turner and his small band of fellow slaves led a rebellion in Southampton County, Virginia. For two days, they went from farm to farm and killed nearly 60 white men, women, and children from slave-owning families. Turner hid in the woods for six weeks before he was finally caught.



Harriet Tubman (Abolitionist)

- Harriet Tubman supported secret routes that enslaved African Americans used. These routes became known as the "Underground Railroad."
- *Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery in Maryland in 1849.*
- *She returned to the South many times and helped over 300 other slaves gain their freedom.*
- *Escaped slaves hid during the day and traveled by night. They had to avoid patrols that were looking for runaway slaves. People who showed slaves the way to freedom were called Conductors.*



John Brown (Abolitionist)

- John Brown led a raid on the United States Armory (Arsenal) at Harpers Ferry, Virginia (present-day West Virginia). He was trying to start a slave rebellion. He was captured and hanged.
- *1859*
- *He planned to distribute the weapons stored there and start a slave rebellion. He was unsuccessful.*
- *Please note: In 1859, Harpers Ferry was located in Virginia. West Virginia did not exist until 1863.*



Abraham Lincoln

- After Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States in 1860, some southern states seceded from the Union and formed the Confederate States of America. Later, Virginia seceded and joined them.
- *Abraham Lincoln was firmly opposed to the spread of slavery to other states.*
- *To preserve the Union (the United States of America), he pledged to leave slavery alone where it already existed.*
- *However, if no new "slave" states were admitted to the Union, "free" states would soon be a majority in Congress. The South would lose its political power.*
- *Some southern states talked about seceding from the Union if Lincoln was elected.*