

## **Timeline of the Abolitionist Movement:**

1828: New York State abolishes slavery.

1829: David Walker's *Appeal*.

1831: William Lloyd Garrison publishes *The Liberator*.

Nat Turner Slave Rebellion.

1833: American Anti-slavery Society formed.

1837: Abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy is murdered.

1838: Frederick Douglass escapes slavery and becomes active in the abolitionist cause.

1840: Formation of the Liberty Party which ran presidential candidates in 1840 and 1844

1844: John Quincy Adams finally wins repeal of the Gag Rule in Congress.

1846: Wilmot Proviso, prohibiting slavery in any territory taken from Mexico, is passed in the House, but defeated in the Senate.

1847: Frederick Douglass begins publication of the *North Star*.

1848: Mexican Cession of western territory to the United States; North and South resume struggle over the status of slavery in federal territory.

1850: Compromise of 1850; passage of Fugitive Slave Act.

1852: Abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

1854: Passage of Kansas-Nebraska Act which determines the status of slavery in these two territories according to the principle of "popular sovereignty."

"Bleeding Kansas."

Formation of the Republican Party.

1857: Dred Scott Court Decision which stated that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional, and that slaves were not citizens but the property of their owners

1858: Lincoln-Douglas Debates.

1859: Abolitionist John Brown's raid at the federal arsenal in Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

1860: Presidential election of Republican Party candidate, Abraham Lincoln, and the start of southern secession.

1861: The beginning of the Civil War.

1863: Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

1865: Thirteenth Amendment is added to the Constitution, which abolishes slavery.