



The abolitionist sentiment was active during the American Revolution (1775-1783), but abolitionists did not become militant until the 1830s. From the 1830s until the 1860s, the anti-slavery movement used risky and radical tactics to end slavery.

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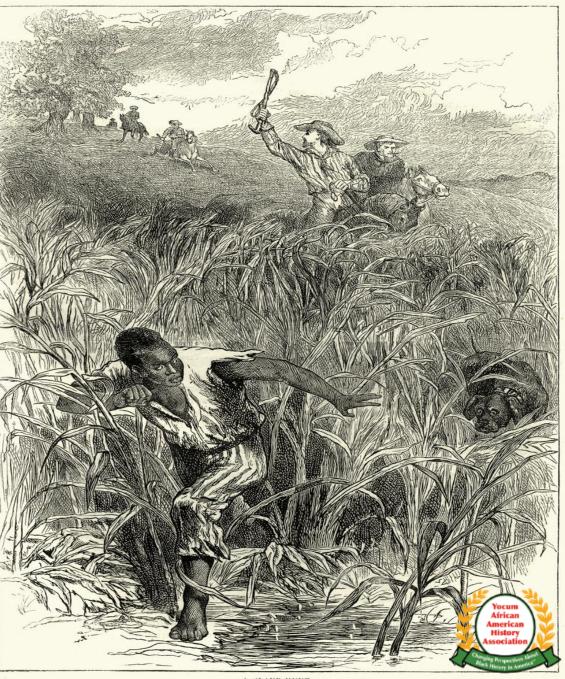




Interesting. Why did the Quakers and other abolitionists want to free the slaves?

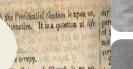
The abolitionists were both White and Black, and they wanted to end slavery because they lived in a nation that valued personal freedom. They thought it was immoral to keep slaves, so they risked their own lives to free slaves and help them escape.





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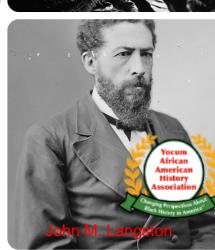
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This is Levi & Catherine Coffin, Quaker abolitionists, who lived in Indiana & Ohio and helped more than three thousand slaves gain their freedom. He wrote his memoir, *Reminiscences of Levi Coffin,* that told the dangers of his experiences.







How did these two men help the abolitionist movement?

James Forten was a wealthy free Black who made his fortune as a sailmaker. His wife & three of his daughters were influential abolitionists too. He helped William Lloyd Garrison finance his newspaper, *The Liberator*, and worked with Garrison to free slaves and gave speeches about the evils of slavery.



They were all influential writers who fought slavery by writing about it in a way that changed hearts and minds. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote **Uncle Tom's Cabin,** which used melodrama with characters inspired by real people to encourage the end slavery. Frederick Douglass was a passionate man who used his newspapers and books to tell the horrors of slavery. Ellen wrote a book with her husband William about their escape from Georgia, when she was disguised as a man, **Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom.**

What did

these

people

do?

Harriet Tubman & John Langston had very different experiences, but their common goal as abolitionists were the same. Harriet was an escaped slave who became a Union spy & scout. She led hundreds of slaves to freedom. John was the son of a plantation owner and a Black mother. He was educated, became a U.S. Congressman and helped write the 1875 Civil Rights Law. He was the founding dean of the Howard University law school.



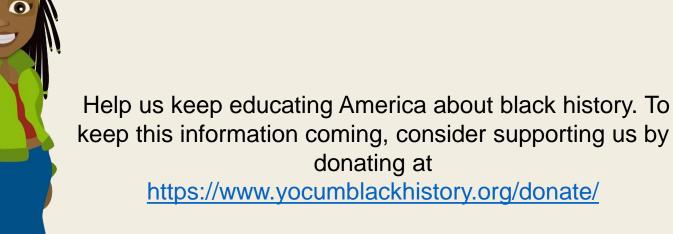


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