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# *Freedom for All*

## *Celebrating the Abolitionist Movement*



No one knows for sure when the Abolitionist Movement began in America. One of the earliest groups to protest slavery in America was the Pennsylvania Abolition Society. Active in 1786, this group included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine.

In the mid-1800s acts of protest and violence were reported by some seeking to free slaves in America.

Although many brave people spoke and acted out against slavery, two of the best known were [John Brown](#) and [Harriet Tubman](#).

The Abolitionist victory came in September, 1862 when Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This document, which became the 13th amendment to the Constitution, made slavery in America against the law.

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