

# Abolitionists

**Frederick Douglass:** An escaped slave. Douglass wrote the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*. The book spoke about his experiences as a slave. He would later be an advisor to Lincoln.

**Harriet Beecher Stowe:** Author of the book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. This book spoke about all the horrors of slavery. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was banned in the South and it also made Northerners even angrier about slavery.

**William Lloyd Garrison:** Garrison started an anti-slavery newspaper called the *Liberator*. He also helped start the American Anti-Slavery Society.

**Sarah and Angelina Grimke:** Daughters of a South Carolina slaveholder. These two women spoke out against slavery even though they were from the South.

There are many other abolitionists. Many people spoke up against slavery and many people risked their lives in order to help slaves escape to freedom. These were all very brave people.

**Senator Charles Sumner:** A senator from Massachusetts who was against slavery. While giving a speech against slavery, he was attacked by Preston Brooks

**John Brown:** An extreme abolitionist. In 1859, he organized a raid on government weapons stored at Harpers Ferry Virginia. He planned on giving them to slaves to start a revolt. It failed and John Brown was hung for his crimes. He was looked at as a martyr or saint like figure.

**Harriet Tubman:** An escaped slave. Her nickname was Moses. She would return to the South 19 times to help more than 300 enslaved African Americans to escape. She helped these slaves escape by using the **Underground Railroad**. (The Underground Railroad is a network of places that are set up to help slaves escape. The slaves with the help of white abolitionists, escaped slaves, and freedman would travel from the South up north sometimes as high as Canada.)