

01 Lesson

THE PLAINEST DEMANDS of JUSTICE

The Declaration of Independence and the Promise of Liberty and Equality for All: Founding Principles and the Problem of Slavery

- ↪ The Declaration of Independence as approved by the Continental Congress, 1776*
- ↪ Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature, January 13, 1777*
- ↪ Constitution of Massachusetts, 1780
- ↪ Constitution of Kentucky, 1792
- ↪ Elizabeth (Mumbet) Freeman portrait, 1811*
- ↪ Legal notes by Chief Justice William Cushing about the Quock Walker case, 1783
- ↪ The Northwest Ordinance, 1787
- ↪ The Southwest Ordinance, 1790
- ↪ Excerpts from the U.S. Constitution, ratified 1788*
 - ↪ Preamble
 - ↪ Articles related to slavery
- ↪ Petition from the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery, 1790*



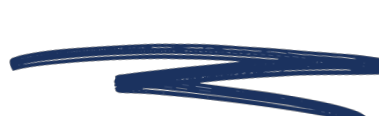
Slavery and the Struggle for Abolition from the Colonial Period to the Civil War

- ↪ Enactment of Hereditary Slavery Law, Virginia, 1662*
- ↪ Germantown Friends Protest Against Slavery, 1688
- ↪ An Act for the Better Ordering and Governing Negroes and Other Slaves, South Carolina, 1740
- ↪ John Woolman, “Some Considerations on the Keeping of Negroes”, 1754
- ↪ Thomas Paine, “African Slavery in America”, 1775*
- ↪ Belinda Sutton, Petition to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1783
- ↪ Correspondence between Benjamin Banneker and Thomas Jefferson, 1791*
- ↪ Ohio State Constitution, 1803 and Black Code, 1804
- ↪ U.S. Congress: An Act to Prohibit the Importation of Slaves 1807
- ↪ James Forten, from Letter I: Letters from a Man of Color, on a Late Bill before the Senate of Pennsylvania, 1813
- ↪ U.S. Congress: An Act to Authorize the People of the Missouri Territory to Form a Constitution and State Government (Missouri Compromise), 1820*
- ↪ David Walker, Appeal, in Four Articles, 1829
- ↪ The Underground Railroad and Networks to Freedom*
 - ↪ Map: Networks to Freedom
 - ↪ Bethel AME Church, in Springtown, New Jersey
- ↪ Maria Stewart Advocates Education for African American Women, 1832
- ↪ William Lloyd Garrison, American Anti-Slavery Society Declaration of Sentiments, 1833
- ↪ John C. Calhoun, Speech on Abolition Petitions, 1837
- ↪ U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. v. Amistad 40 US 518, 1841
- ↪ Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, 1845*
- ↪ Sojourner Truth, “Ain’t I a Woman?” 1851*
- ↪ Solomon Northup, Twelve Years a Slave, 1853
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- ↪ U.S. Congress, An Act to Organize the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas (Kansas-Nebraska Act), 1854*
- ↪ Abraham Lincoln, Speech on the Repeal of the Missouri Compromise, 1854
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- ↪ John Brown’s Last Speech, 1859*
- ↪ Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, 1860
- ↪ Chart: Slave population in 1860



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- ↪ Frederick Douglass, What the Black Man Wants, 1865
- ↪ The Freedmen’s Bureau Act of 1865
- ↪ An Act to Confer Civil Rights on Freedmen, and for other Purposes, 1865 (Mississippi Black Code)
- ↪ Civil Rights Act of 1866
- ↪ Attacking the Freedmen’s Bureau poster, 1866*
- ↪ African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) Pastor S. B. Williams Reports Atrocities to North Carolina Governor Holden, 1869: *
- ↪ Albion Tourgee letter to Senator Joseph C. Abbott, 1870
- ↪ Thomas Nast, “The Union As It Was”, 1874*
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- ↪ Congressmen James T. Rapier speech, in support of the Civil Rights Act, February 1875
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- ↪ A. Philip Randolph, The Call to Negro America to March on Washington, 1941*
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- ↪ Sweatt v. Painter 1950
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- ↪ The Southern Manifesto, 1956
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- ↪ Freedom Rides photographs, 1961
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- ↪ John Lewis, speech at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963
- ↪ We Shall Overcome
- ↪ Malcolm X, Message to the Grassroots, 1963*
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