

Events Leading to Secession and War

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There were major events that occurred in Virginia, causing Virginians to become divided and secede from the Union.

Secede = to leave

Nat Turner, a slave on a plantation in eastern Virginia, led a revolt against plantation owners.

Abolitionists campaigned to end slavery in the United States.

Abolitionist - A person against slavery

Harriet Tubman, a former slave from Maryland, supported a secret route that escaped enslaved African Americans took to free states or Canada. It became known as the "Underground Railroad."

John Brown, an abolitionist, led a raid on the United States Armory (Arsenal) at Harpers Ferry, VA. He used the weapons stored at the Armory to start a slave rebellion. He was captured and hanged.

After **Abraham Lincoln** was elected President of the United States in 1860, some southern states **seceded** from, or left, the Union because they worried he would end slavery. After they left the Union, they formed the "Confederate States of America." Later, Virginia joined them.