Abolitionist Movement

- Most abolitionists demanded immediate freeing of the slaves.
- Abolitionists believed slavery was wrong.
  - Morally wrong
  - Cruel and inhumane
  - A violation of the principals of democracy.
- Abolitionist leaders included both men and women.
  - Harriet Tubman led hundreds of enslaved African Americans to freedom along the Underground Railroad.
  - William Lloyd Garrison wrote the Liberator and worked for the immediate emancipation of all enslaved African Americans.
  - Frederick Douglass wrote the North Star and worded for rights to better the lives of African Americans and women.

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Suffrage movement

- Supporters declared that “All men and women are created equal”.
- Supporters believed that women were deprived of basic rights.
  - Denied the right to vote
  - Denied educational opportunities, especially higher education.
  - Denied equal opportunities in business
  - Limited in rights to own property
- The movement was led by strong women who began their campaign before the Civil War and continued after the war had ended.
  - Isabel Sojourner Truth a former enslaved African American, was nationally known advocate for equality and justice.
  - Susan B. Anthony was an advocate to gain voting rights for women and equal rights for all
  - Elizabeth Cady Stanton played a leadership role in the women’s rights movement.

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