Bondage to Freedom:
The Struggle for the Abolition of American Slavery

The Abolitionist movement was a social and political endeavor to end slavery in the United States. Though it was seen as radical by many Americans, abolitionists' fierce devotion to the cause ultimately led to the eradication of slavery in the United States.

Here is a short list of African American Abolitionists from the 19th Century who didn't make it into the program:

- Ebenezer D. Bassett (1833-1908)
- Amos G. Beman (1830-1858)
- Henry Bibb (1815-1854)
- William Wells Brown (c. 1814-1884)
- Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893)
- Samuel E. Cornish (1795-1858)
- William Craft (1824-1900)
- William H. Day (1825-1900)
- Martin Robison Delany (1812-1885)
- George Thomas Downing (1819-1903)
- Henry Highland Garnet (1815-1882)
- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911)
- John Sella Martin (c. 1832-1876)
- William C. Nell (1816-1874)
- Sarah Parker Remond (1824-1894)

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Further Reading

Books:

- *Creating Black Americans: African-American History and its Meanings 1619 to the Present* by Nell Irvin Painter
- *The Slaves Cause: A History of Abolition* by Manisha Sinha
- *The Color of Abolition: How a Printer, a Prophet, and a Contessa Moved a Nation* by Linda Hirshman
- *The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women's Rights* by Dorothy Wickenden
- *The Most Absolute Abolition: Runaways, Vigilance Committees, and the Rise of Revolutionary Abolitionism, 1835-1861* by Jesse Olsavsky
- *This Rising Generation: Gradual Abolition, Black Legal Culture, and the Making of National Freedom* by Sarah Gronningsater
- *Seizing Freedom: Slave Emancipation and Liberty for All* by David R. Roediger
- *My Bondage and My Freedom* by Frederick Douglass
- *Narrative of Sojourner Truth* by Sojourner Truth
- *Combee: Harriet Tubman, the Combahee River Raid, and Black Freedom during the Civil War* by Edda Fields-Black
- *All on Fire: William Lloyd Garrison and the Abolition of Slavery* by Henry Mayer
- *David Walker's Appeal to the Coloured Citizens of the World* by David Walker
- *Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History* by Anthony E. Kaye
- *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African Americans, 1619-2019,* edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain

Websites:

- Slave Voyages (slavevoyages.org)
- The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (gilderlehrman.org)

Further Reading Cont.

Websites:

- African American Intellectual History Society: Black Perspectives (https://www.aaihs.org/black-perspectives/)
- Black Abolitionist Archive (https://libraries.udmercy.edu/archives/special-collections/index.php?collectionCode=baa)
- American Battlefield Trust (battlefields.org)
- National Women's History Museum (womenshistory.org)
- National Museum of African American History & Culture (nmaahc.si.edu)
- National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org)
- Museum of the American Revolution (amrevmuseum.org)
- National Park Service (nps.gov)
- Library of Congress (loc.gov)
- National Archives (archives.gov)
- Bill of Rights (billofrightsinstitute.org)

Digital Exhibits

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