

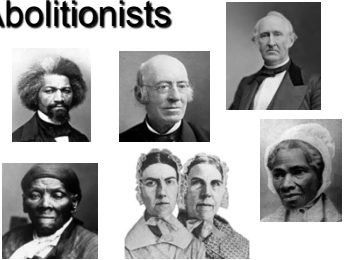
Cause 2  
**ACTIVISM**

### Abolitionism

- Derived from the word 'abolish'
- Definition: People who, mostly Northerners —both black and white, morally opposed slavery and sought to end it.
- They were **REFORMERS**

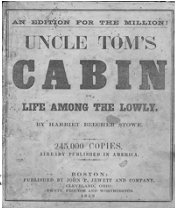
### Abolitionists

- Frederick Douglas
- William Lloyd Garrison
- Harriet Tubman
- Sojourner Truth
- Wendell Phillips
- Grimke Sisters



### Uncle Tom's Cabin


- Written by Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1853
- Stowe came from a family of reformers and was a harsh critic of slavery
- The book portrayed the brutalities of slavery
- Book was widely read highly influential
- Upon meeting Stowe, Lincoln said "So this is the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war"



### Caning of Charles Sumner (1856)

- SC Congressman Preston Brooks believes Sumner insulted his uncle SC Senator Andrew Butler
  - "The senator from South Carolina has read many books of chivalry, and believes himself a chivalrous knight with sentiments of honor and courage. Of course he has chosen a mistress to whom he has made his vows, and who, though ugly to others, is always lovely to him; though polluted in the sight of the world, is chaste in his sight -- I mean the harlot, slavery."
- Brooks beat Sumner with his cane on the senate floor until he was unconscious.

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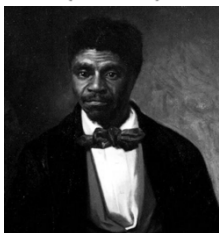
**DBQ Question**

Based on your interpretation of the documents, who do you think is responsible for starting the Civil War?

Use the cartoon as evidence to answer the question.

### Dred Scott Case (1857)

- **The question:** should a slave taken north of the Missouri Compromise line (36° 30') be considered free?
- **The answer:** NO! The courts ruled that Scott did not have the rights of citizens because he was a slave.
- Court ruled the Compromise unconstitutional because it violated the property rights of slaveholders



### Harper's Ferry: Brown's Last Stand (1859)

- Brown tries to raid a federal arsenal and get slaves to join him...he failed and was captured and hung
- Brown was a martyr to many Northerners who shared his views...he was demonized in the South
- He hoped to inspire northerners to fight for abolition



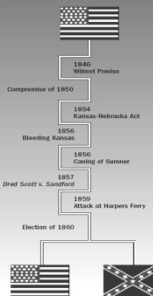
### Lincoln Becomes President



- **Election of 1860**
  - Establishes the Republican Party
  - Lincoln's anti-slavery stance threatened the South
- **Secession Begins**
  - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1861 – South Carolina becomes the first state to withdraw from the Union...eventually all slave states follow
  - Jefferson Davis is named president of the newly formed Confederate States of America



### THE UNION IN PERIL



### Events Leading to War

- Let's Recap...
- After discussing with your Think Tanks, which of these causes do you think was most influential in terms of starting the war?

