

- Willingness of Americans to join associations
- Some success with temperance
 - At least 13 states put restrictions on restrictions on alcohol
- Reformers are often involved in multiple reforms
 - Neal Dow is an example
- Public education
 - New York establishes model public education
 - State funding
 - 1827: Massachusetts modifies the old act requiring high schools
 - 1834: Pennsylvania establishes public school system
 - These schools are not comparable to modern schools
 - Shorter school year
 - Most states start some sort of school system
 - * South less so
 - Rote memory
 - Harsh discipline
 - Allows educators to establish uniform cultural values
 - Concentration is preparing for the workplace
 - * Getting to work on time
 - * Work hard
 - * Discipline
 - Normal schools
 - Resented by rich
 - * Have to pay taxes, but send kids to private schools
 - Resisted by rural communities who want to have labor
- Prisons reformed
 - Previously a place to store forever
 - Viewed as a natural addition to society
 - Result of personal character flaws
 - Empty room with just a bible to teach

- * Idea: people will start reading the bible
 - Eventually diluted and goes back to just locking people up
 - Debtor's prisons reduced
 - Abolition of flogging
 - Public executions stop being celebratory, but still public
- New Harmony - An example of utopian society
 - Breaks down after about a year
 - Representative of most utopian societies
- Transcendentalist communities spring up as well
- The Oneida Community (1849-1881)
 - John Humphrey Noyes (1811-1886)
 - * Free society free from sin
 - * No marriage: no sin
 - Society appeals to several people, settle in Oneida
 - Always has people to recruit
 - Oneida Silver
- Action to stamp out prostitution
 - Records of who employ prostitutes
 - Idea to publish names of those who employ them
 - Never gets underway
 - Powers decide that's not the way to stop prostitution
- Abolishionism
 - The Liberator
 - * Charge for action against slavery
 - * Published on a regular basis until abolition
 - * Most dedicated subscribers are free blacks in the north
 - * Total membership less than that of any other benevolent reform efforts
 - Participation of free blacks: duh
 - David Walker
 - * African American from North Carolina
 - * 1829 Appeal to the Colored People of the World

- Use of force if necessary
 - * Appears in Boston in 1820
 - * By 1827-1828 he is operating the Free Man's Journal
- Frederick Douglass
 - * Establishes the North Star
 - * Popularizes big dipper and north star as a benchmark
- 1835 Abolitionist Rally
 - * Mob forms to teach the speaker the lesson
 - * Meets William Lloyd Garrison (confirmed Abolitionist)
 - * Taking him to be hanged, but met by police and broken up
- South blocks the delivery of abolitionist literature
 - * Against the constitution
 - * But endorsement of Jackson and postmaster general to allow the south to do so
 - * Thousands of petitions flood congress
 - Progress grinds to a stop as they are read
 - At least 50 percent of the signers are females
 - * 1836 Gag Rule
 - Petitions won't be read in congress
 - Constitution grants right to petition congress, though
 - Won't be cancelled until 1845
- Lyman Beecher expels abolitionists from institute when they become violent
- Seneca Falls NY 1848
 - Declaration of rights of women
- Antislavery convention
 - Women have to sit on the balcony
 - Start to speak up
 - Curtain goes up around balcony
 - Alienates women
- Convention in Seneca Falls
 - Declaration of Women's Rights