## **Timeline Challenge**

### **Americans in the Mid-1800s**

# 1793 **Invention of the Cotton Gin** Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin. Cotton becomes the most profitable cash crop in the South and transforms the South's economy and society.

#### **Work Begins on the Erie Canal**

Completed in 1825, the Erie Canal provides the first allwater link between farms on the Central Plains and East Coast cities.



#### About 1820-1870

#### The Industrial Revolution

The United States undergoes an Industrial Revolution, which results in the growth of industry, urbanization, and a more modern transportation system.



#### 1831

#### Founding of The Liberator

William Lloyd Garrison starts the abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator*. In its weekly issues, he calls for the immediate freeing of all slaves.



### 1837

#### **Horace Mann Campaigns** for Public Schools

Horace Mann becomes the Massachusetts state supervisor of education and calls for the establishment of public schools and increased pay for teachers.



1849

**Harriet Tubman** 

**Escapes Slavery** 

Harriet Tubman escapes

from a slave plantation

in Maryland. She later

guides more than 200

Underground Railroad.

slaves to freedom on the

#### Walden Is Published

Transcendentalist Henry David Thoreau publishes Walden, a reflection on the meaning of life, society, nature, and the human spirit.



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#### **Congress Approves National Road**

Congress authorizes the building of the National Road. By 1841, the road extends from Cumberland, Maryland, to Vandalia, Illinois.



#### 1800-1840

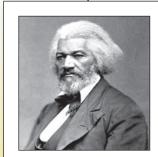
#### **Second Great Awakening**

The nation experiences a revival of religious feeling that inspires many Americans to work for the improvement of society.



#### **Nat Turner's Rebellion**

Nat Turner leads a slave uprising in Virginia. The rebellion results in the passage of strict slave codes.



### Frederick Douglass Establishes The North Star

Frederick Douglas founds The North Star, an antislavery newspaper. The newspaper lends support to other reform movements as well.



### 1848

### **Seneca Falls Convention**

The Women's Rights Convention takes place in Seneca Falls, New York. Many participants sign the Declaration of Sentiments, which demands equal rights for women.