



# John Brown - Abolitionist

**Born: May 9, 1800 in Torrington, CT**  
**Died: December 2, 1859 in**  
**Charles Town, VA**

John Brown launched his war to end slavery in Harpers Ferry. His mission to seize the arsenal's weapons and arm the slaves failed when he was captured only 36 hours after his raid commenced. Brown's subsequent trial and execution fanned the flames of disunion and lead the nation toward civil war.

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