

# Slave Resistance & Uprisings

# Slavery Was Less Efficient in the U. S. than Elsewhere

- 😊 High cost of keeping slaves from escaping.
- 😊 GOAL → raise the “exit cost.”
  - u Slave patrols.
  - u Southern Black Codes.
  - u Cut off a toe or a foot.

# Slave Resistance

1. **"SAMBO"** pattern of behavior used as a charade in front of whites [the innocent, laughing black man]. Pretend to know nothing.
2. Steal supplies and food from the main house
3. On purpose "mess up the job"

# Slave Resistance

4. Refusal to work hard.
5. Isolated acts of sabotage.
6. Escape via the **Underground Railroad**.



Harriet Tubman



# Runaway Slave Ads



**\$1200  
TO  
1250 DOLLARS!  
FOR NEGROES!!**

THE undersigned wishes to purchase a large lot of NEGROES for the New Orleans market. I will pay \$1200 to \$1250 for No. 1 young men, and \$850 to \$1000 for No. 1 young women. In fact I will pay more for likely

**NEGROES,**

Than any other trader in Kentucky. My office is adjoining the Broadway Hotel, on Broadway, Lexington, Ky., where I or my Agent can always be found.

**WM. F. TALBOTT.**  
LEXINGTON, JULY 2, 1852.

**\$100 REWARD!**

**RANAWAY**

From the undersigned, living on Current River, about twelve miles above Doniphan, in Ripley County, Mo., on 2nd of March, 1860, **A NEGRO MAN**, about 30 years old, weighs about 160 pounds; high forehead, with a scar on it; had on brown pants and coat very much worn, and an old black wool hat; shoes size No. 11.

The above reward will be given to any person who may apprehend this said negro out of the State; and fifty dollars if apprehended in this State outside of Ripley County, or \$25 if taken in Ripley County.

**APOS TUCKER.**

# Quilt Patterns as Secret



The **Monkey Wrench** pattern, on the left, alerted escapees to gather up tools and prepare to flee; the **Drunkard Path** design, on the right, warned escapees not to follow a straight route.



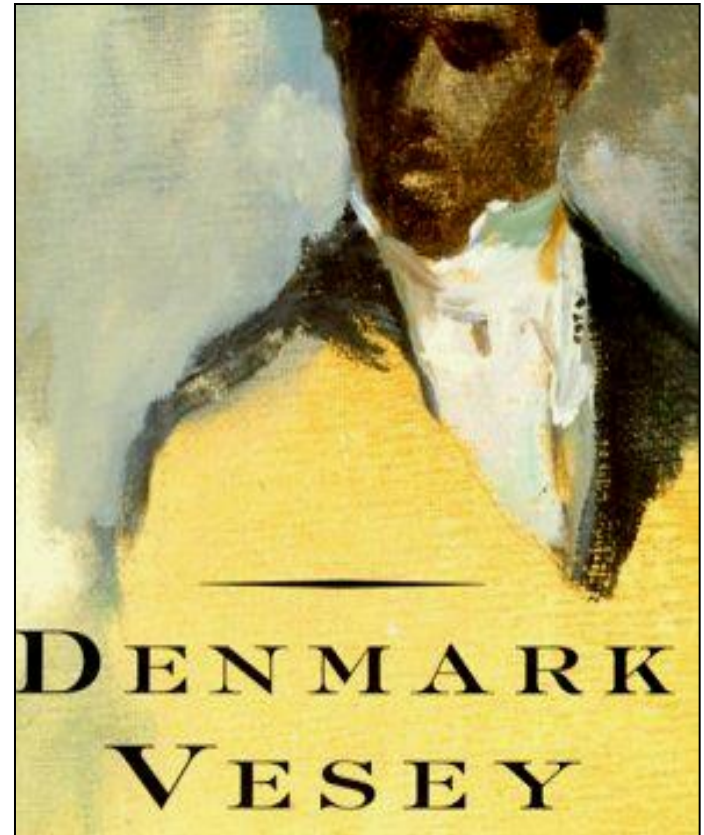
# Slave Rebellions Throughout the Americas



# Slave Rebellions in the Antebellum South



**Gabriel Prosser**  
**1800**

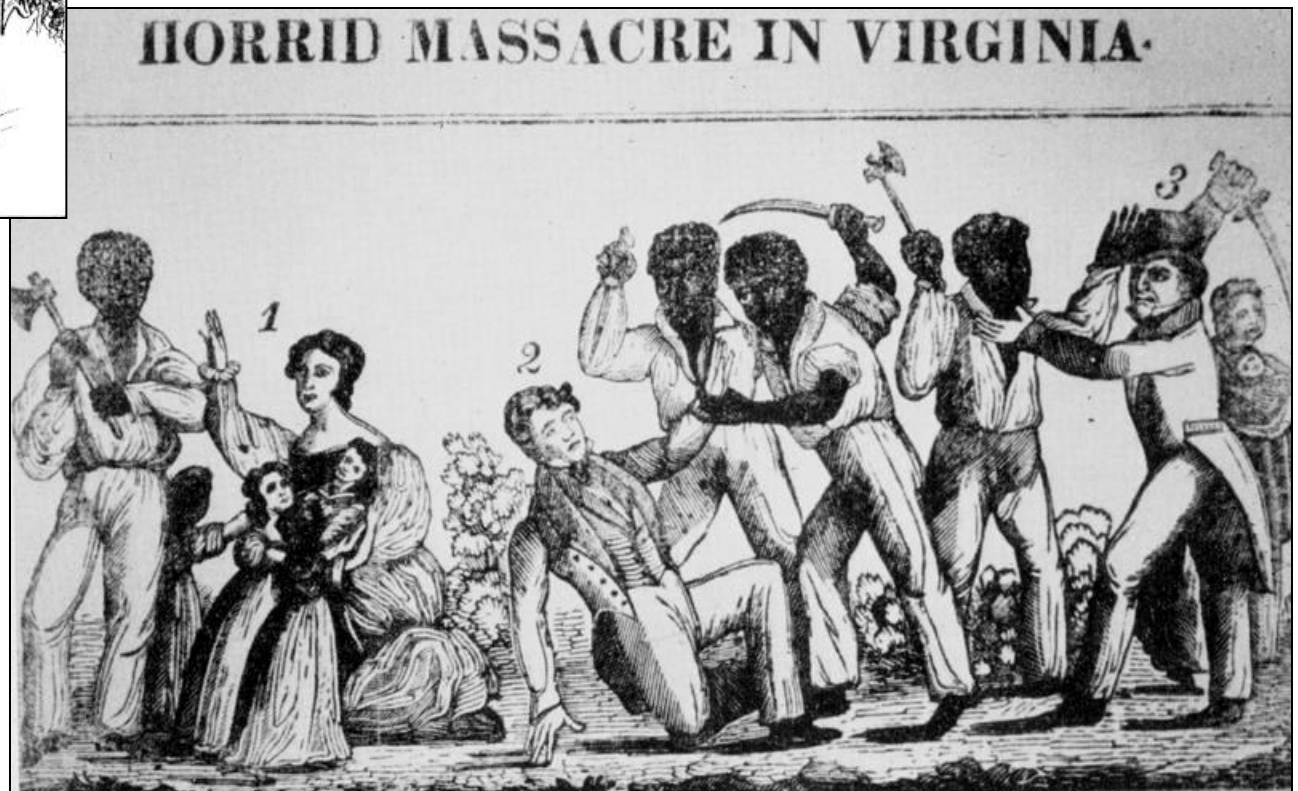


**1822**



# Slave Rebellions in the Antebellum South:

## Nat Turner, 1831



# Abolitionist Movements

# American Colonization Society

- Established the Republic of Liberia on the West African Coast as a safe-haven for slaves
- 15,000 freed blacks were transported between 1820s and 1860s
- By 1860 most slaves were American born and “Americanized” and had no desire to go to a distant land

# William Lloyd Garrison

- Published *The Liberator*
- Very Outspoken about the evils of slavery
- Challenged the American Society to demand the end of slavery
- “I will not excuse, I will not retreat a single inch, and I WILL BE HEARD!”

# Black Abolitionists

- Sojourner Truth-freed black women in New York who fought for black emancipation and women rights
- Frederick Douglass-escaped in 1831 at age 21
  - Tremendous public speaker
  - Took several beatings for his ever public stance against slavery



# Southern Pro-Slavery Propaganda



What arguments did the South make to help justify the “peculiar institution”?

Read 367 in the text to find out.

