

Infos über John Brown

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Early years

- Brown was a white man, born in Torrington, Connecticut.
- He strongly believed in Christianity. He believed that Christians should treat people the same regardless of what color their skin was.
- Many white Christians in America at this time did not agree with his views.

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Kansas and the Pottawatomie Massacre

- Brown lived mostly in Springfield, Massachusetts before moving to the Kansas Territory.
- Several of his sons were already living there.
- Brown's sons wanted his help to fight people from Missouri.
- The people in Missouri wanted slavery to be legal in Kansas.
- **On 24 May 1856, Brown and his sons killed five people in Kansas who wanted slavery to be legal.**
- They dragged the people out of their homes and killed them with swords.
- This came to be known as the **Pottawatomie massacre**.^[2]
- More violent things happened after this.
- This was the beginning of the period in the Kansas Territory known as **Bleeding Kansas**.^[3]
- Before leaving Kansas, Brown and his followers were attacked at the **Battle of Osawatomie** on August 30, 1856.^[4]

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Harper's Ferry

- In 1859, Brown **decided to attack** the Harpers Ferry Armory in Harper's Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia).^[6]
- He was planning on **giving the weapons to slaves**.^[6]
- The slaves would use the weapons to fight against their masters and become free.
- Brown attacked the arsenal in October 1859. His sons and several other men, including several black men, helped him with the attack.
- **His attack failed. Brown was captured, and was executed by hanging for treason** against the state of Virginia on 2 December 1859.^[6]
- People had strong feelings about John Brown.
- Some people thought that he was crazy or evil.
- Other people thought that he was a hero.
- His attack on Harpers Ferry helped lead to the American Civil War.
- The war would start in 1861.^[7]

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