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The Abolitionists – Part Three – January 22, 2013, 9:00 p.m.

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Tune in to KVIE on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 9:00 p.m. to watch the next AMERICAN EXPERIENCE episode, *The Abolitionists, Part Three*. Radicals. Agitators. Troublemakers. Liberators. Called by many names, the abolitionists tore the nation apart in order to make a more perfect union. Men and women, black and white, Northerners and Southerners, poor and wealthy, these passionate antislavery activist fought body and soul in the most important civil rights crusade in American history. What began as a pacifist movement fueled by persuasion and prayer became a fiery and furious struggle that forever changed the nation. *The Abolitionists* takes place during some of the most violent and contentious decades in American history, amid white-hot religious passions that set souls on fire, and a bitter debate over the meaning of the Constitution and the nature of race. The documentary reveals how the movement shaped history by exposing the fatal flaw of a republic founded on liberty for some and bondage for others, setting the nation on a collision course. In the face of personal risks, abolitionists held fast to their cause, laying the civil rights groundwork for the future and raising weighty constitutional and moral questions that are with us still. Part Three covers 1854, the battle over admitting new territories to the Union, the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and the emancipation of slaves in rebel territory, and the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 banning slavery in all the states – forever. For almost four decades, the abolitions had dedicated their lives to this moment – a triumph of perseverance, of steadfastness, and in the logic and moral power of a movement that had never wavered.

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