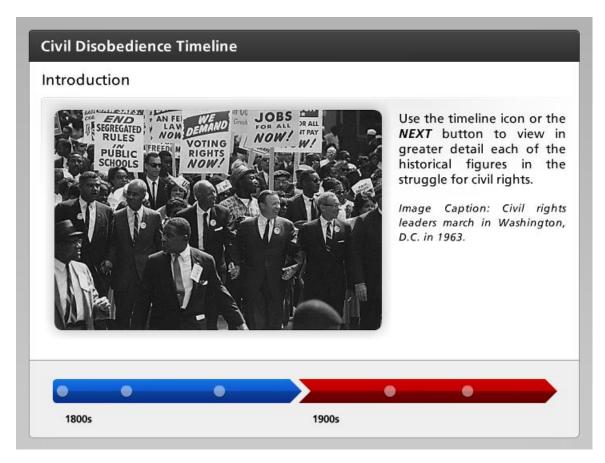
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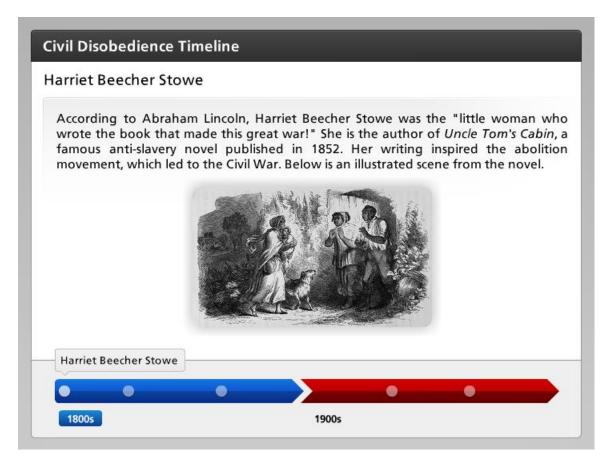


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Image Caption: Civil rights leaders march in Washington, D.C. in 1963.



Harriet Beecher Stowe

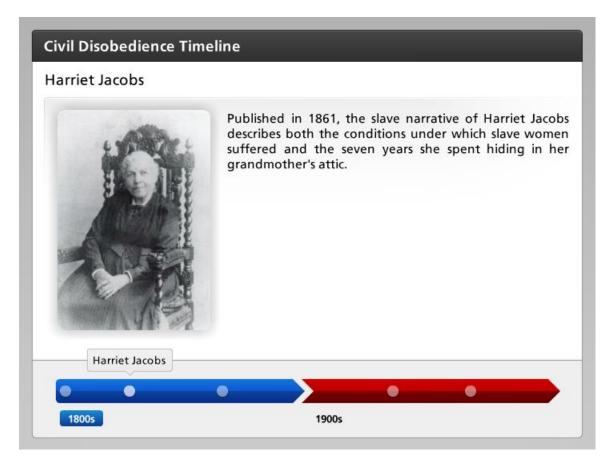


According to Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Beecher Stowe was the "little woman who wrote the book that made this great war!" She is the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, a famous anti-slavery novel published in 1852. Her writing inspired the abolition movement, which led to the Civil War. Below is an illustrated scene from the novel.





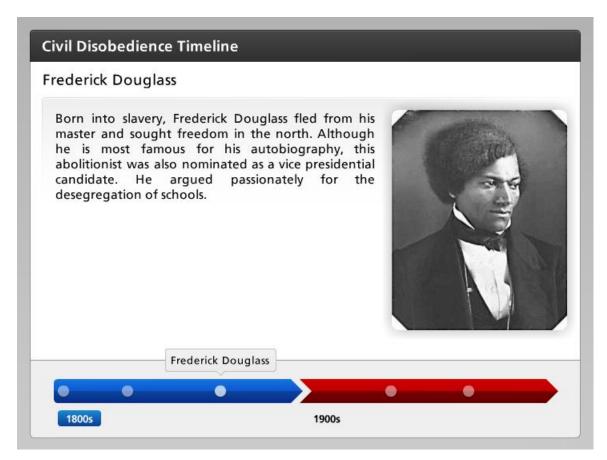
Harriet Jacobs



Published in 1861, the slave narrative of Harriet Jacobs describes both the conditions under which slave women suffered and the seven years she spent hiding in her grandmother's attic.



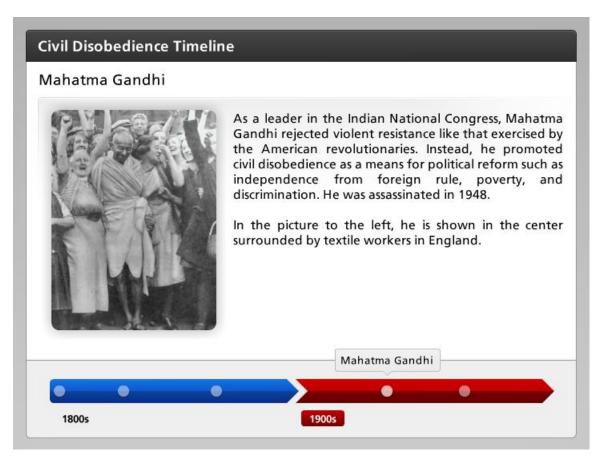
Frederick Douglass



Born into slavery, Frederick Douglass fled from his master and sought freedom in the north. Although he is most famous for his autobiography, this abolitionist was also nominated as a vice presidential candidate. He argued passionately for the desegregation of schools.



Mahatma Gandhi



As a leader in the Indian National Congress, Mahatma Gandhi rejected violent resistance like that exercised by the American revolutionaries. Instead, he promoted civil disobedience as a means for political reform such as independence from foreign rule, poverty, and discrimination. He was assassinated in 1948.

In the picture to the left, he is shown in the center surrounded by textile workers in England.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Widely recognized as one of the greatest orators in American history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize for his opposition to segregation and discrimination. He is most famous for his speech *I Have A Dream*. He was assassinated in 1968.

