

## GROWTH OF A NATION

### How Did the Nation Grow From 1812 to 1850?

During the first half of the 1800's, the United States of America began to take its place in the World. The new nation grew in area and population. Technology changed the way in which people lived and worked. **Nationalism**, an intense feeling of loyalty to a person's nation, increased. The abolitionist movement gained followers.

### War of 1812

During the **War of 1812**, Americans battled Great Britain. The war was fought for these reasons:

- One reason for the War of 1812 was that Great Britain was capturing American sailors and ships.
- Another reason for the War of 1812 was that Great Britain was causing problems with the Native Americans.
- A third reason for the War of 1812 was that some Americans wanted to own Canada.

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### The Monroe Doctrine

The **Monroe Doctrine** was named after **President James Monroe**. Doctrines are ideas believed by a group of people. The Monroe Doctrine told Europeans to stay out of American affairs.



## The Abolitionist Movement

**Abolish** means to put an end to, do away with, or destroy. Abolitionists believed in abolishing slavery and freeing the people who were slaves. During the 1800's, the United States became divided over the issue of slavery.

### Notable People

- **Benjamin Banneker:** the African-American man who measured and finished planning Washington, D.C.



- **Francis Pickens**
- **Frederick Douglass** famous at



- **Harriet Tubman:** a woman known for helping slaves to escape to freedom by way of the Underground Railroad

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