# Homework: John Brown

Find out about John Brown.

Read the following webpages about him.

### Take short notes about his life and his idea of fighting against slavery!

- 1) Read about him on this homepage (first QR-Code): <u>https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Brown (abolitionist)</u>
- 2) Read about him on this homepage (second QR-Code): <u>https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Brown (Abolitionist)</u>



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# Your notes:

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# Infos über John Brown

#### 1 Early years

- Brown was a white man, be Torrington, Connecticut.
- He strongly believed in Chr He believed that Christians
- 5 treat people the same no n what color their skin was.
  - Many white Christians in A this time did not agree with

### 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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]
- <sup>15</sup> 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]

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- 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]
- <sup>10</sup> 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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