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John Brown

"I John Brown am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land: will never be purged away; but with Blood."

Last Letter, Dec. 2, 1859

"Whereas slavery, throughout its entire existence in the United States, is none other than a most…unjustifiable war of one portion of its citizens upon another portion . . . in utter disregard and violation of those eternal and self-evident truths set forth in our Declaration of Independence."

John Brown, 1858

Guiding Questions

1. What do Brown's statements reveal about his opinions on slavery?

2. John Brown and Frederick Douglass both spoke of the Declaration of Independence. Explain the similarities and differences in their statements.