



**John Brown on the way to his execution.** Upon the failure of his attempt in 1859 to raise a slave revolt at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, abolitionist John Brown was sentenced to be hanged for treason, conspiracy, and

murder. On the way to his execution, under heavy guard, Brown stopped to kiss a black baby (pictured here). To the opponents of slavery he was a martyr and hero who gave his life for the cause of freedom.