

## Illustration of "Old John Brown's Career," 1860

The print shows five vignettes from the life of abolitionist John Brown.

**Top Left Vignette:** Receiving money and sharp rifles to go and do his Kansas work  
John Brown is shown receiving money and weapons from men who are supporting his abolitionist cause in Kansas.

**Top Right Vignette:** Doing his Kansas work murdering Doyle and his two sons.  
The vignette shows John Brown and his associates attacking James P. Doyle and his two adult sons, William and Drury. This attack occurred in Kansas and was known as the "Pottawatomie massacre."

**Bottom Left Vignette:** Still doing his Kansas work dragging Wilson from the sick bed of his wife  
John Brown in Kansas, where he was shown pulling a man – Wilson – from the bed of his wife, who is said to be very ill.

**Bottom Right Vignette:** Commencing his Virginia work attempting to gather recruits  
The vignette shows John Brown and his associates trying to recruit black men for their mission to end slavery.

**Center Vignette:** The Traitors Doom  
The vignette shows the hanging of John Brown after he was sentenced to death for committing treason.

At the top in the center, embracing the display, is a devilish figure.

At the bottom center, beneath a crumbling arch, is a female figure, possibly meant to represent Columbia, kneeling on one knee. She is holding a stars and stripes shield, with an American flag on the ground before her, and the American eagle, clutching arrows. To the left, she holds her right hand to her face, as if in mourning, as the sun sets in the background.

The vignettes are framed on the right and left by spears and at the bottom by a rocky coastline.