



## Lydia Maria Child

(1802 - 1880)

Lydia Maria Child was a well known author during the time leading up to the American Civil War. She wrote a periodical for kids and popular books for housewives with tips to help manage their households. In 1835 she wrote *The History of the Condition of Women in Various Ages and Nations* that was later an inspiration to women suffragists.

In 1833 she published *An Appeal in Favor of that Class of Americans Called Africans*, which called for the immediate emancipation of all slaves. This hurt her career. However, she continued to write in favor of emancipation, in favor of the rights of Native Americans, and in favor of equal rights for women.

Lydia Maria Child truly was someone who stood by what she believed was right, regardless of the consequences to herself. She's a wonderful role model for children today.