John Brown Rebellion
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An Eye for an Eye

John Brown lived by the mantra “an eye for an eye.” This means that if an individual does something to someone, he or she deserves the same thing. For example, if I purposely step on my brother’s foot, and I believe in “an eye for an eye,” I would accept that my brother would have a chance to step on my foot.

When John Brown learned that five abolitionists had been murdered in Kansas, he traveled there with his sons and murdered five slavery supporters.

What are your thoughts on “an eye for an eye?” Do you believe in it? Explain why or why not. Additionally, explain when you have encountered situations involving “an eye for an eye” in movies, literature, sports, or in your own life.

Do you Believe in an Eye for an Eye?

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Where have you encountered an Eye for an Eye?

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