

# 10 Facts about the Haitian Revolution for Kids

## 1. When It Started and Ended:

- The Haitian Revolution started on August 22, 1791, and ended in 1804. Haitians celebrate their Independence Day on January 1, 1804.

## 2. Why It Happened:

- The Haitian Revolution was when enslaved people in Haiti fought against French rule to become free. They won, making Haiti the first Black sovereign nation.

## 3. Unique and Important:

- It's special because it's the only time enslaved people formed their own country that was free from slavery, and it was ruled by people who were once enslaved. This changed how many people in the world thought about race and slavery. Many thought Black people were inferior and unable to rule.

## 4. Amazing Leaders – Haiti defeated 3 World Powers:

- Leaders like Toussaint Louverture and Jean Jacques Dessalines led the fight. They defeated major world powers like Britain, Spain, and even Napoleon's army from France. In 1804, Dessalines declared Haiti independent.

## 5. Biggest EnSlaved Uprising:

- This was the largest time enslaved people rebelled since Spartacus in ancient Rome, 1900 years earlier. It showed that enslaved people could win their freedom and challenged old and incorrect ideas about Black people and their abilities.

## 6. Toussaint Louverture's Journey:

- Toussaint was once enslaved, but before the revolution, he became free. He led the best army in Haiti and was an important part of winning the fight.

## 7. Brave Women Fighters:

- Women like Marie-Jeanne Lamartinière and Catherine Flon were heroes too. Marie-Jeanne fought in battles and was respected by everyone.

## 8. Empress and Educator:

- Marie-Claire Heureuse Félicité was an important educator who shared her knowledge. After her husband, General Jean-Jacques Dessalines, became emperor, she became the first Empress of Haiti.

## 9. Flag Maker and Nurse:

- Catherine Flon not only made the first flag but also helped the sick and wounded after battles. She played a big part in Haiti's history.

## 10. First Haitian Emperor:

- Jean-Jacques Dessalines was the first ruler of independent Haiti. He led the revolution and became the first Haitian Emperor.

