

# Toussaint L'Ouverture

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An imagined portrait of Toussaint L'Ouverture on horseback with sword is an engraving made in France circa 1800. As far as historians know there is only one extant portrait that may have been completed by an artist who drew L'Ouverture in real life, and even that painting's authenticity has been questioned. All of the other portraits are imagined, and at best based on written descriptions by people who met with the general during the revolution. In the background of the engraving is a fortification that does not depict an actual fort on the island of Hispaniola.

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