

Civil War Test Review



Or The War Between the States; The War of Northern Aggression; The War to Save the Union; The War of the Rebellion...etc.

Standard #1

- ∞ Standard 1: I can explain the causes and reasons why the North and South went to war.

I can explain the political, economic, and social reasons why Southern states seceded

⌘ Political

- Lincoln wins the 1860 election without one “Southern” electoral vote

⌘ Economic

- King Cotton
- Agricultural lifestyle

⌘ Social

- Southern way of life threatened by Northern abolitionists

Why Secede?

☞ Lower/Deep South

- Demand for states' rights to be stronger
- Fear of an over powerful federal government
- Maintain Southern lifestyle

☞ Upper South

- Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee
- Anger over the call for a “Union”

I can explain why the Northern states entered the Civil War and their purpose for fighting

∞ 1861

- The goal was to preserve/save the Union

∞ 1863

- Lincoln enforces emancipation
- Ending slavery becomes an issue at THIS point

S2: I can describe the strengths of each side of the war and discuss the lifestyle of a soldier.

☞ Union

- Technology (Railroad, Telegraph)
- Manufacturing (making weapons & supplies)
- Man power (population)

☞ Confederates

- Military leadership (Lee, Jackson, Longstreet)
- Defensive War (fighting not to lose)
- Fighting in home territory (better knowledge of region)

Soldier Life

- ☞ Most of the time soldiers were drilling or waiting
- ☞ Most soldiers died from disease, not battle
- ☞ Kill rates during battle was high due to military tech
- ☞ Many left war with physical or mental issues

African American Contributions

☞ 200,000 Soldiers

- 54th Massachusetts (Ft. Wagner)

☞ Abolitionists

- Frederick Douglass

☞ Spies

- Freed slaves were sources of knowledge

S3. I can identify the turning points of the war and why the Union was victorious in the “second founding” of America.

∞ Turning Points:

- Ft Sumter
- First Battle of Bull Run
- Antietam
- Emancipation Proclamation
- Chancellorsville
- Gettysburg
- Vicksburg
- Capturing Atlanta
- Sherman’s March to the Sea
- Appomattox Court House

Why did the Union Win?

∞ Union victory

- Several key victories
 - Gettysburg, Vicksburg
- Use of Technology
 - Telegraph, nationalized railroad, industry
- Lack of European involvement
 - France and Great Britain did not join the CSA

2nd Founding of America

∞ Gettysburg Address

- Lincoln uses “All men created equal” to actually mean “all men created equal.”
- The South and North could become more economically similar once slavery ended
- Founding Fathers dodged the slavery issue
 - 3/5 Compromise
 - Delaying ban on Fugitive Slave Law

S4 I can explain the leadership and decisions made Abraham Lincoln

∞ Lincoln

∞ Politically

- Consolidated power of president (Habeas Corpus, nationalized railroads, active control of military, cabinet = team of rivals)

∞ Military

- Self-taught military strategy
- Appointed and removed generals OFTEN
- Used Total War with Grant/Sherman to end war quickly
- Hoped for a reconciliation, not a punishment after the war

Study Tips

☞ Use your LEARNING TARGETS

☞ Study actively

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- Teaching content is the best way to learn content!