



THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

The U.S. was divided over the issue of slavery. The North wanted to **abolish** slavery. This means they did not want people to be slaves. There was a secret way many Northern people used to help slaves escape. It was called the **Underground Railroad**.

The South had many plantations and they wanted slaves to work on their plantations. Abraham Lincoln became president right before the war. He did not believe in slavery. In 1861, the Civil War began between the Northern states, called the Union, and the Southern states, called the Confederacy. The map below shows how the states were divided.

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Important People of Civil War:

Union	Confederacy
Abraham Lincoln <i>president</i>	Jefferson Davis <i>president</i>
Ulysses S. Grant <i>General of Union troops</i>	Robert E. Lee <i>General for Confederate troops</i>
George McClellan <i>Union General</i>	Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson



Major battles of the Civil War:

- Fort Sumter—first battle
- Battle at Bull Run
- Vicksburg
- Antietam
- Gettysburg

Important Events:

September 22, 1862 “Emancipation Proclamation” signed by Abraham Lincoln. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."



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Try This!

Draw an X through battles that were not part of the Civil War.

World War II

Antietam

the Alamo

Vicksburg

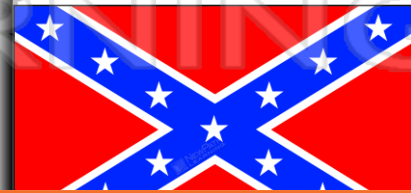
Gettysburg

New York City

San Francisco

Normandy Beach

Which flag would each person have carried?



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Abraham Lincoln was president of the Northern states. T / F

Women served as nurses during the war. T / F

After the war, Lincoln had all the Southern cities burned. T / F