

Instructions

Read each question carefully and answer to the best of your ability. Write your answers in the spaces provided. Use complete sentences and be creative!

Key Events Leading Up to the Civil War

1. What were some of the main disagreements between Northern and Southern states that led to the Civil War?

2. Why was the Civil War such an important event in American history?

3. What was the issue of slavery, and how did it divide the country?

4. What was the difference between the Union and the Confederacy?

5. Draw a simple map of the United States and label the Northern and Southern states as they were during the Civil War:

Fun Activities

Imagine you are a time traveler visiting the United States just before the Civil War. Write a short journal entry about what you observe:

Think & Reflect

Historical Figure Quote: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew." - Abraham Lincoln

What do you think Abraham Lincoln meant by this quote?

Do you think the Civil War could have been avoided? Why or why not?

Great job! You're now a junior historian of the Civil War!