

## Instructions

Read the information and questions in each activity carefully. Use your knowledge of the American Civil War to complete the worksheet. Good luck!

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### Activity 1: Match the Terms

Draw a line to match each term on the left with its correct definition on the right.

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| 1. Union                     | • <b>A.</b> A person who worked to end slavery.  |
| 2. Confederacy               | • <b>B.</b> The name for the Southern states that left the United States.                            |
| 3. Emancipation Proclamation | • <b>C.</b> To formally leave or withdraw from a country.  |
| 4. Abolitionist              | • <b>D.</b> The name for the Northern states that remained in the United States.                     |
| 5. Secede                    | • <b>E.</b> An order issued by President Lincoln that freed enslaved people in the rebelling states. |

### Activity 2: Fill in the Blanks

Use the words from the word bank below to complete the paragraph. Each word is used only once.

**Word Bank:** Abraham Lincoln   Confederacy   Fort Sumter   Appomattox   industry   slavery

The American Civil War began in 1861 after Confederate forces fired on \_\_\_\_\_. The primary cause of the war was the long-standing disagreement over the institution of \_\_\_\_\_. The United States, also called the Union, was led by President \_\_\_\_\_. The Union had advantages in population and \_\_\_\_\_, which meant they could produce more supplies for the war. The Southern states formed the \_\_\_\_\_ and fought to preserve their way of life. The war ended in 1865 when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered at \_\_\_\_\_ Court House in Virginia.

### Activity 3: Who Am I?

Read the descriptions below and write the name of the correct historical figure on the line.

1. I was the 16th President of the United States and led the country through the Civil War. I wrote the Gettysburg Address.  
**Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_
  2. I was the lead general of the Confederate Army. I was known for my skilled military tactics.  
**Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_
  3. I was the President of the Confederate States of America.  
**Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_
  4. I eventually became the commanding general of the entire Union Army and accepted the surrender that ended the war.  
**Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_
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**Activity 4: North vs. South**

The Union (North) and Confederacy (South) had different strengths and weaknesses. Place a 'U' for Union or a 'C' for Confederacy next to each characteristic.

- \_ Had a larger population.
- \_ Fought mostly on home territory, giving them a defensive advantage.
- \_ Had most of the nation's factories and railroads.
- \_ Had more experienced military leaders at the start of the war.
- \_ Had an established government and navy.

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**Answer Key****Activity 1: Match the Terms**

1. Union - **D.** The name for the Northern states that remained in the United States.
2. Confederacy - **B.** The name for the Southern states that left the United States.
3. Emancipation Proclamation - **E.** An order issued by President Lincoln that freed enslaved people in the rebelling states.
4. Abolitionist - **A.** A person who worked to end slavery.
5. Secede - **C.** To formally leave or withdraw from a country.

**Activity 2: Fill in the Blanks**

The American Civil War began in 1861 after Confederate forces fired on **Fort Sumter**. The primary cause of the war was the long-standing disagreement over the institution of **slavery**. The United States, also called the Union, was led by President **Abraham Lincoln**. The Union had advantages in population and **industry**, which meant they could produce more supplies for the war. The Southern states formed the **Confederacy** and fought to preserve their way of life. The war ended in 1865 when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered at **Appomattox** Court House in Virginia.

**Activity 3: Who Am I?**

1. **Abraham Lincoln**
2. **Robert E. Lee**
3. **Jefferson Davis**
4. **Ulysses S. Grant**

**Activity 4: North vs. South**

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- U** Had most of the nation's factories and railroads.
- C** Had more experienced military leaders at the start of the war.
- U** Had an established government and navy.