



WAR, TERRIBLE WAR

Heading Toward War

We know that the Civil War did not begin until 1861, but tensions between the North and South began mounting as early as 1830. The two geographical regions were beginning to dislike each other and, as a result, the nation was dividing.

Underlying Causes:

Although many underlying causes led to the war between the states, three of the most important were slavery, economic differences, and the issue of states' rights.

1. What is often described as a "peculiar institution"? By whom? _____

2. How did the different economies and geographies of the North and South help to make Northerners abolitionists and Southerners supporters of slavery?

3. What is the meaning of "states' rights"? _____

4. Why did the South secede from the Union? What did it form once it had seceded? _____

The Beginning of War:

5. The author explains that the war began when Southern guns fired on U.S. troops stationed at Fort _____, which was located on a small island in the harbor of what U.S. city? _____

6. The Battle of Manassas, also called the Battle of _____ because of a muddy stream that ran through the site, was the first major battle of the Civil War.

7. The _____ won the Battle of Manassas.
(South/North)

8. Look at this map of the first Battle of Manassas. Why did the mapmaker include railroad tracks? What significance did the railroad have for the battle?



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Political Ties in the Election of 1860

The following table provides helpful data on the Presidential Election of 1860. It lists which states supported which candidates. It is interesting to note that in 1860 the Democratic party split into two parties. Why do you think this may have happened? Also, a new party appeared on the scene—the Constitutional Union party—to smooth over a split that had formed between the North and the South. Any states not named in the table were territories at the time.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 1860		
Party	Candidate	States
Republican	Lincoln	OR, CA, MN, IA, WI, IL, MI, IN, OH, PA, NY, VT, CT, RI, MA, NH, ME, NJ
Southern Democrat	Breckinridge	TX, LA, AR, MD, MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC
Constitutional Union	Bell	TN, VA, KY
Northern Democrat	Douglas	MO, NJ

1. Do you know the abbreviations for states? Write the name of the state next to its abbreviation:

OR _____	CA _____	MN _____
IA _____	WI _____	IL _____
MI _____	IN _____	OH _____
PA _____	NY _____	VT _____
CT _____	RI _____	MA _____
NH _____	ME _____	TX _____
LA _____	AR _____	MD _____
MS _____	AL _____	GA _____
FL _____	SC _____	NC _____
TN _____	VA _____	KY _____
MO _____	NJ _____	

2. Using the map:

- Label each state with its correct abbreviation.
- Color code the map according to political party
- Make a key explaining which color stands for which party



Which party won the most northern states?

Which party won the most southern states?

Which party got elected?