

The War Between the States

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Summary

This book is about the civil war between the North and the South in the United States.

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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



battle

soldier

general

slave

deadly wound

1. Who fights for a country? _____
2. Who is the leader of an army? _____
3. What is a person who is owned like property called? _____
4. What is it called when two armies fight? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



• a. navy

• b. states

• c. fortress

• d. Abraham Lincoln

• e. freedom

• f. illegal

• g. Africa

• h. Mississippi River

B Write the word for each definition.

freely the United States protection illegal Africa

1. _____ something that keeps a person from being harmed
2. _____ against the law
3. _____ able to do things without being controlled
4. _____ the continent south of Europe
5. _____ the country between Canada and Mexico

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Slaves in the South wanted the right to live without being controlled by anyone else.
 a. battle b. freedom c. state d. attack
2. Many soldiers were killed in a fight between two armies during the civil war.
 a. freedom b. general c. battle d. Mississippi River
3. However, many more soldiers were killed by illness than by other soldiers.
 a. navy b. slaves c. attack d. disease
4. The North was victorious in taking control of the Mississippi River.
 a. successful b. deadly c. illegal d. freely

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Black people fought as soldiers for the North.
- b. Slaves were owned like property.
- c. The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the war.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. How many states supported the South?
 - a. 34
 - b. 20
 - c. 11
 - d. 3
2. Where did the first major battle take place?
 - a. Virginia
 - b. Vicksburg
 - c. The Mississippi River
 - d. Gettysburg
3. What killed most of the soldiers in the civil war?
 - a. Lack of food
 - b. Disease
 - c. Drowning in the river
 - d. Terrible battles

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. The start of the war in 1861
- b. One of the best soldiers and generals of the South
- c. This practice was made illegal by the president
- d. Many were killed in battle or by disease
- e. An important area to control for transporting food and soldiers



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ The civil war started because the slaves wanted freedom.
2. _____ Four million people lost their lives in the civil war.
3. _____ All states were in the war, either for or against it.
4. _____ The North took Vicksburg by cutting off the South’s food.
5. _____ As many as 51,000 soldiers were lost at the Battle of Gettysburg.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. In the end, Abraham Lincoln was _____ in keeping the country together.
illegal successful
2. Slaves asked Northern soldiers for _____.
protection disease
3. The _____ helped the army control the Mississippi River.
navy state
4. The _____ of Vicksburg was one of the turning points of the war.
Battle Fortress
5. Most slaves were people brought from _____.
the United States Africa

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Slavery was made illegal.
- b. _____ Robert E. Lee was put in charge of an army for the South.
- c. _____ The South broke away from the North in 1861.
- d. _____ Slaves were brought to America from Africa.
- e. _____ The South stopped the war.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
States from the _____ broke away from the rest of the United States.	The states from the North didn't want this, so a(n) _____ started.	The war started in _____ and ended in 1865.	Many battles were fought, but the Battle of Vicksburg and the Battle of _____ made up the turning point of the war.	In the beginning, the war was fought to keep the country together, but then later it also became about _____.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.