

Civil War

As sectional tension increased, the nation found itself at a crossroads with the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Lincoln's beliefs about slavery made his election intolerable to several southern states, resulting in seven of them seceding from the union to form the Confederate States of America. When shots were fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, April 1861, four more states seceded, and the Civil War began. For four years the nation was divided as the North fought the South. The war finally ended in April of 1865 with the South's defeat and surrender. The challenge now was how to rebuild the nation.

Directions: Use the content from the Bee in a Box website to help answer the following questions:

PEOPLE

Phillip Bazaar & William Carney

- 1) Both Phillip Bazaar and William Carney were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their bravery during the Civil War. What made Bazaar and Carney's awards different from previous honorees?

Jefferson Davis

- 1) Jefferson Davis urged against the secession of southern states, yet when his home state decided to secede he went along with it and eventually became president of the Confederate States of America. What do you think changed Jefferson Davis' mind about secession?

Ulysses S. Grant

- 1) Why do you think Ulysses S. Grant made sure the terms of the South's surrender prevented treason trials?

Stonewall Jackson

- 1) Why was Stonewall Jackson one of the most famous figures of the Civil War?

Robert E. Lee

- 1) Why did Robert E. Lee surrender the Confederate forces in April 1865?

Abraham Lincoln

- 1) In Abraham Lincoln's First Inaugural Address, how did he argue against secession?

Harriet Tubman

- 1) After escaping slavery herself, why did Harriet Tubman initially return to the South?

DOCUMENTS

Jefferson Davis' Inaugural Address

- 1) How did Jefferson Davis use the Declaration of Independence to defend the right of Southern states to secede?

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

- 1) Why did Abraham Lincoln deliver the Gettysburg Address?

Emancipation Proclamation

- 1) How did the Emancipation Proclamation change the purpose of the Civil War?
- 2) How was England affected by the Emancipation Proclamation?

Lincoln's First Inaugural Address & Second Inaugural Address

- 1) How are Abraham Lincoln's First Inaugural Address and Second Inaugural Address different?

EVENTS

Election of 1860 & Civil War

- 1) How did the election of Abraham Lincoln eventually lead to the Civil War?

Firing on Fort Sumter

- 1) Why is the Firing on Fort Sumter significant?

Battle of Antietam, Battle of Gettysburg, & Battle of Vicksburg

- 1) How was each battle at Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg important to the Civil War?

Lee's Surrender at Appomattox

- 1) How did Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant act upon Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox?

Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

- 1) Why did John Wilkes Booth assassinate President Abraham Lincoln?

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How are Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee similar and how are they different?
- 2) What action did Abraham Lincoln take during this political career that is most admirable and why? And what action did he take that is most questionable and why?
- 3) Which battle of the Civil War, Antietam, Gettysburg, or Vicksburg was the most significant to the war and why?

