THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

The U.S. was divided over the issue of slavery. The North wanted to **abolish** slavery. This means they did not want people to be slaves. There was a secret way many Northern people used to help slaves escape. It was called the **Underground Railroad**.

The South had many plantations and they wanted slaves to work on their plantations. Abraham Lincoln became president right before the war. He did not believe in slavery. In 1861, the Civil War began between the Northern states, called the Union, and the Southern states, called the Confederacy. The map below shows how the states were divided.

### Important People of Civil War:

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Major battles of the Civil War:

- Fort Sumter—first battle
- Battle at Bull Run
- Vicksburg
- Antietam
- Gettysburg

Important Events:

**September 22, 1862**  “Emancipation Proclamation” signed by Abraham Lincoln. This freed all slaves in the U.S.

**November 19, 1863**: Lincoln gives his “Gettysburg Address.” It begins, “Four score and seven years ago…”

**April 12, 1865**: General Lee and his Rebel troops surrender at Appomattox Court House. The war is over.

**April 14, 1865**: Lincoln is shot at Ford’s Theater. He dies the next day.
Try This!

Draw an X through battles that were not part of the Civil War.

World War II  Antietam  the Alamo  Vicksburg
Gettysburg  New York City  San Francisco  Normandy Beach

Which flag would each person have carried?

A  B
Abraham Lincoln  Stonewall Jackson
Andrew Jackson  Ulysses S. Grant
George McClellan

True or False?

The Civil War was fought over money.  T / F
The South wanted to abolish slavery.  T / F
Abraham Lincoln was president of the Northern states.  T / F
Women served as nurses during the war.  T / F
After the war, Lincoln had all the Southern cities burned.  T / F