

Civil War Learning Targets *(1861-1865)*

- 1) I can explain the **political, economic, and social reasons** why Southern states seceded and can explain the differences in the timing of secession in the Upper and Lower South.
- 2) I can explain why the Northern states entered the Civil War and how their purpose for fighting changed throughout the conflict.
- 3) I can describe the two sides and list their relative strengths and weaknesses at the beginning of the war. (Include geographic, demographic, economic, and technological aspects)
- 4) I can describe predictions of the length, cost, and bloodshed at the beginning of the war and contrast these predictions with the actual outcomes.
- 5) I can describe the daily life of soldiers and ordinary citizens during the war.
- 6) I can describe why there was so much bloodshed during the conflict.
- 7) I can list 4-5 major battles of the war in sequential order and describe some basic facts about each. (See terms list for major battles)
- 8) I can describe the evolution Lincoln's emancipation policy (including the Emancipation Proclamation).
- 9) I can describe the role of African Americans in the war, including black soldiers and regiments, and the increased resistance of enslaved peoples.
- 10) I can describe several turning points of the conflict.
- 11) I can make an argument to explain why the North won the Civil War by using...
 - Critical events of the war
 - Military leadership of the North and South
 - The respective advantages and disadvantages of the two sides
- 12) I can list and discuss several effects of the war.
- 13) I can explain why the Civil War is often referred to as a "second founding" or a "re-founding" of the American nation using the Gettysburg Address and the Declaration of Independence as evidence.

People:

Abraham Lincoln
Jefferson Davis
Robert E. Lee
Frederick Douglass
Clara Barton

Terms:

Civil War	Cavalry
Emancipation	Artillery
Confederate/Confederacy	Rifled musket
Rebel/Rebellion	Trench/Entrenchment
Yankee	Tactics
Total War	Strategy
Ironclad battleship	Siege
Blockade	Blockade
Line (of battle)	Border states
Flank	Habeus corpus
Infantry	Martial law

- *Regiment/Brigade/Division/Corps/Army* (no need to define... what do these terms mean?)
- *Private/Sergeant/Lieutenant/Captain/Major/Colonel/General* (no need to define... what do these terms mean?)

Major Battles:

Fort Sumter (1861)
First Bull Run
Shiloh (1862)
Antietam
Fredericksburg/Chancellorsville (1863)
Gettysburg
Vicksburg
Overland Campaign (1864: Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, etc.)
Atlanta/March to the Sea
Siege of Petersburg
Appomattox (1865)