

The Civil War and Reconstruction

Directions: Each of the following terms/people/concepts have not yet been studied in class. However, some of this information may be on the M-Step. In your group read through this information TOGETHER. If someone in your group has anything they can add please do so.

Civil War- A war between opposing groups from the same country.

Reconstruction- A time in our nation after the Civil War where our nation worked to rebuild. Part of this rebuilding process included bringing the South back into the Union.

Confederacy- name for the Confederate States of America (South)

Union- Another name that was used to describe the North during the Civil War.

Secession- to formally leave membership in a group

Jefferson Davis- The President of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Abe Lincoln- The President of the Union during the Civil War.

Robert E Lee- The Confederate general during the Civil War.

Ulysses S Grant- The main general of the Union at the end of the Civil War.

Emancipation Proclamation- Proclamation issued by Lincoln that freed slaves in the Confederacy.

Gettysburg Address- A speech given by Lincoln in memory of soldiers who died at Gettysburg.

54th Regiment- a famous African American regiment during the Civil War.

13th Amendment- Abolished slavery, it freed the slaves.

14th Amendment- It gave citizenship to African Americans.

15th Amendment- This amendment gave African Americans the right to vote.

Discuss these questions as a group:

What were advantages/disadvantages of the North and South during the Civil War?

What was life like for newly freed slaves in the North and South?

After the War, should we punish the southern leaders and soldiers?

How do we best introduce freed slaves into society?

How do we best rebuild war torn areas of America?

