

Ten Interesting Facts . . .



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1. In August 1863, while Abraham Lincoln was heading home from the White House someone took a shot at him. The bullet went through his hat. Lincoln asked the guards to keep the incident quiet because he did not want to worry his wife.
2. The first confrontation of the Civil War took place on April 12, 1861 when Confederate troops attacked Fort Sumter beginning the war. The war ended on April 9, 1865 when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House. The beginning and ending dates were used in creating the title of the Civil War novel *Across Five Aprils*.
3. Approximately 625,000 men died in the Civil War. This is more than any other American War.

Major United States Wars

Major U.S. War	U.S. Deaths	Date
American Revolutionary War	25,000	1775 – 1783
Civil War	625,000	1861 – 1865
World War I	116,516	1917 – 1918
World War II	405,399	1941 – 1945
Korean War	36,516	1950 – 1953
Vietnam War	58,209	1955 – 1975
Gulf War	258	1990 – 1991
Afghanistan War	2,372	2001 – Present
Iraqi War	4,800	2003 – 2011

4. The Union Army had 2,100,000 soldiers. This was almost twice the size of the Confederate Army of 1,064,000.
5. More men died from disease than in the actual fighting.

Top Ten Causes of Military Deaths

Cause	Confederacy	Union
1. Killed in action	54,000	67,000
2. Dysentery/Diarrhea	50,000	45,000
3. Wounds	40,000	43,700
4. Typhoid	30,000	34,800
5. Prison	26,100	31,200
6. Pneumonia	17,000	20,000
7. Malaria	20,000	10,000
8. Smallpox	8,000	7,000
9. Tuberculosis	7,000	7,000
10. Measles	6,000	5,2000

6. Of the 9 million people living in the Southern States, 3.4 million were slaves. Two states actually had more slaves than free people: Mississippi and South Carolina. These slaves were worth more than 2 billion dollars.

7. During the first few battles of the Civil War, soldiers did not have regular uniforms. This made knowing who was the enemy difficult.

8. The bloodiest day in U.S. military history took place at Antietam on September 17, 1862 when more than 5,000 soldiers died.

Top Bloodiest Civil War Battles

Battle Date Place	Commanders	Forces Engaged	Winner	Casualties
Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863 PA	Robert E. Lee (S) George G. Meade (N)	75,000 (S) 82,289 (N)	North	North: 23,049 South: 28,063 Total: 51,112
Chickamauga Sept. 19-20, 1863 GA	Braxton Bragg (S) William S. Rosecrans (N)	66,326 (S) 58,222 (N)	South	North: 16,170 South: 18,454 Total: 34,624
Chancellorsville May 1-4, 1863 VA	Robert E. Lee (S) Joseph Hooker (N)	60,892 (S) 133,868 (N)	South	North: 17,278 South: 12,821 Total: 30,099
Spotsylvania May 8-19 VA	Robert E. Lee (S) Ulysses S. Grant (N)	50,000 (S) 83,000 (N)	South	North: 18,300 South: 9,000 Total: 27,399
Antietam (Sharpsburg) Sept. 17, 1862 MD	Robert E. Lee (S) George B. McClellan (N)	51,844 (S) 75,316 (N)	Draw	North: 12,410 South: 13,724 Total: 26,134
Wilderness May 5-7, 1864 VA	Robert E. Lee (S) Ulysses S. Grant (N)	61,025 (S) 101,895 (N)	Draw	North: 17,666 South: 7,750 Total: 25,416

9. The average Civil War soldier was 23 years old. He averaged 5'8" tall and weighed about 143 pounds.

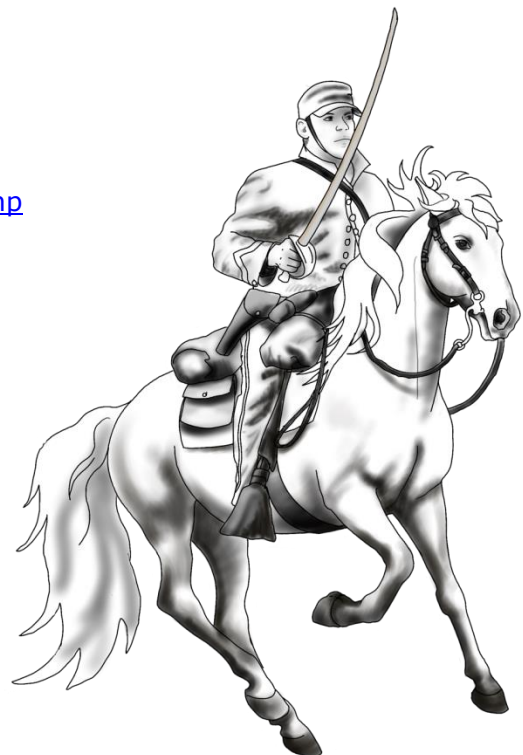
10. Before the Civil War began, approximately 5,000 slaves tried to escape each **year**. Once the Civil War began, about 5,000 slaves tried to escape each **month**.

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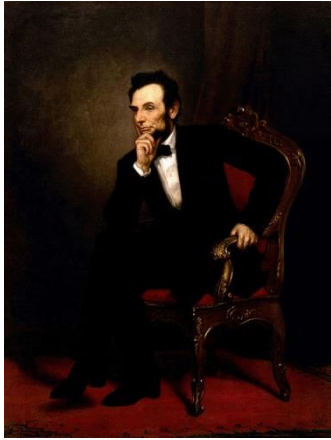
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American Civil War Timeline



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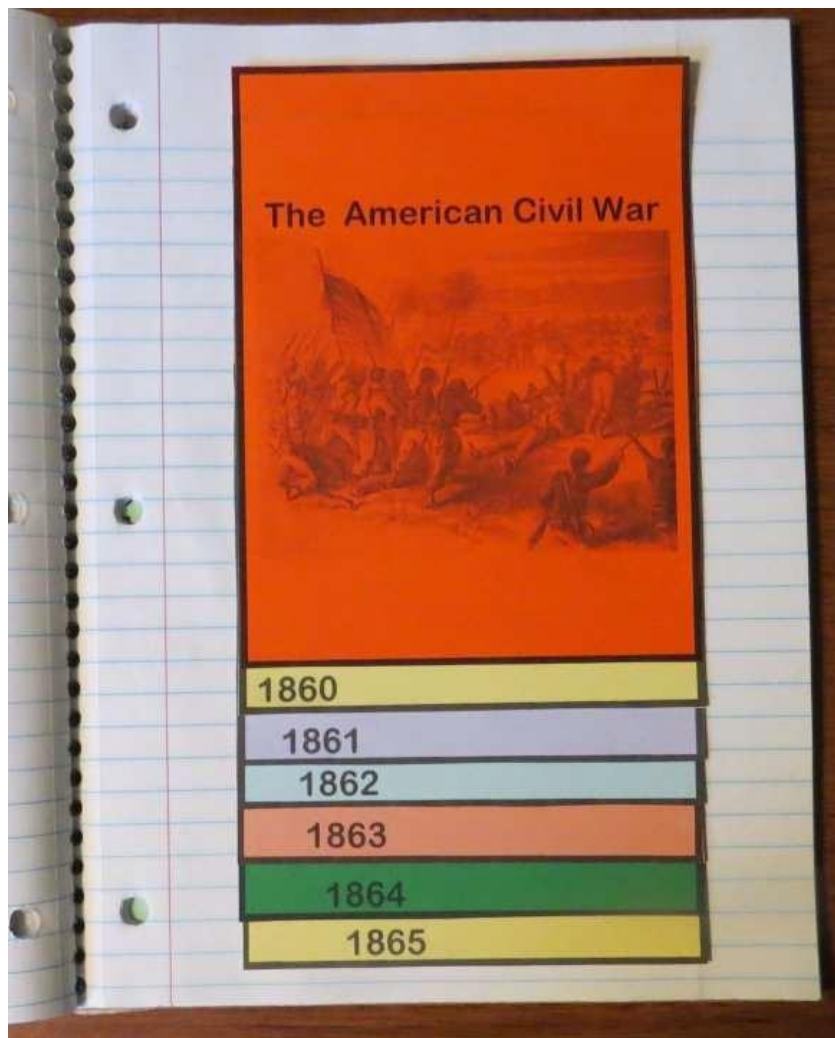
May 26 ~ Last Confederate troops surrender

July 7 ~ Four Lincoln assassination conspirators hanged

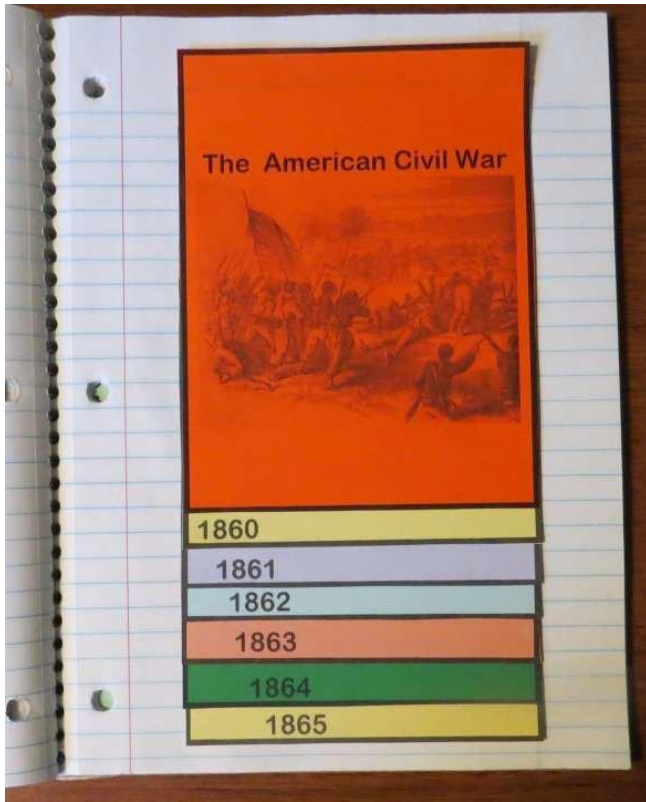
December 6 ~ Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. ratified



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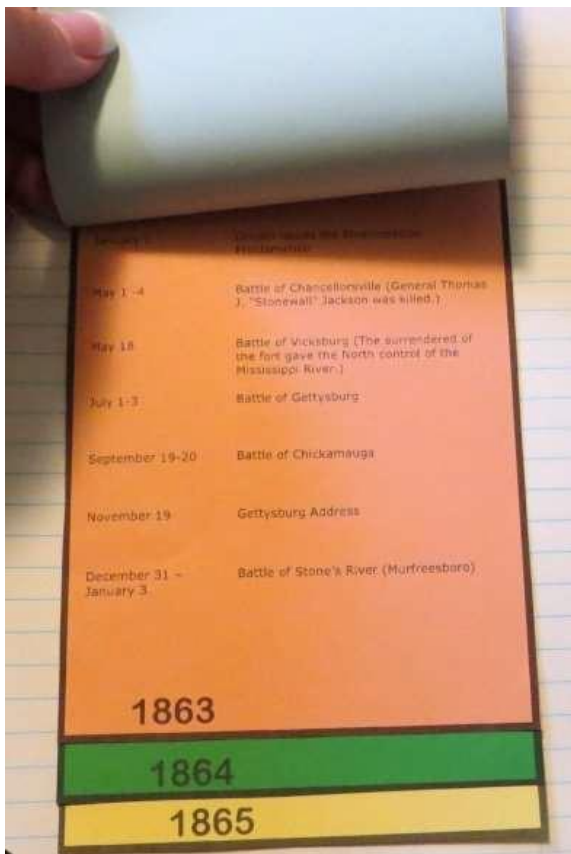


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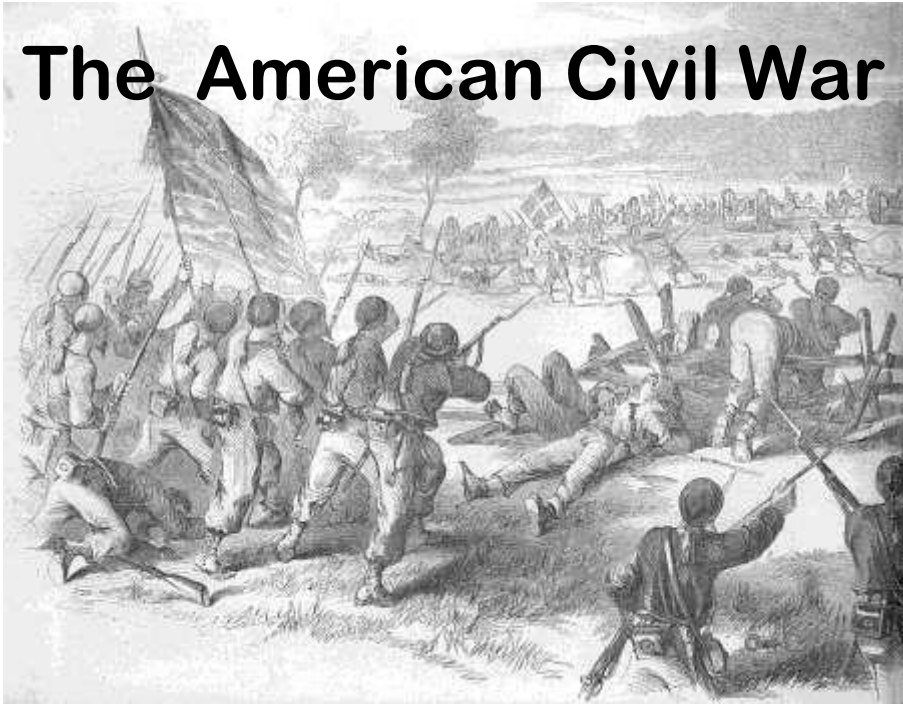


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- 1) Print the organizer onto colored paper. Two versions are offered. The first has lines for students to write their own information. The second is an answer key with the text completed.
- 2) Cut out rectangles.
- 3) Begin with the bottom page in the stack. Turn the page on its back and place a thin line of glue across the top of the page only. Glue it toward the bottom of the organizer notebook or lap book.
- 4) On the back of the next page, place a thin line of glue along the top.
- 5) Glue this page directly onto the organizer page moving it up approximately one-half of an inch higher than the first page.
- 6) Continue to add pages until all are glued down.
- 7) The pages should lift up so that students can read the information.



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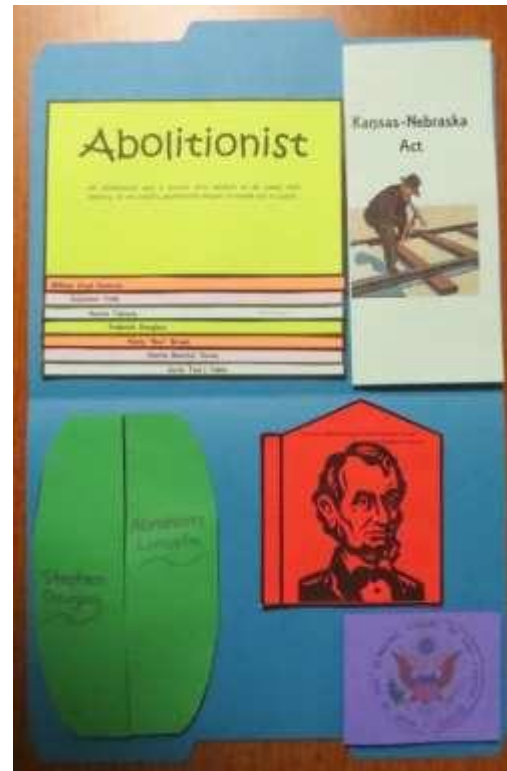
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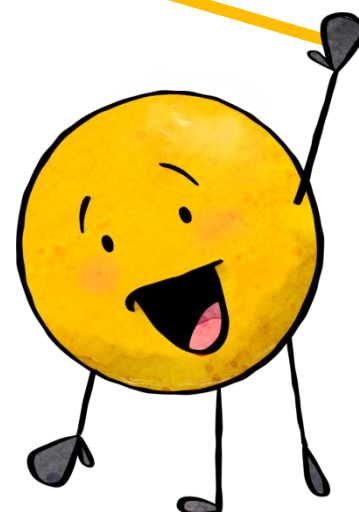
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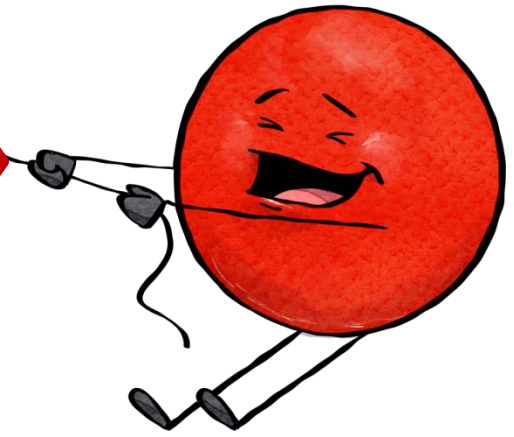
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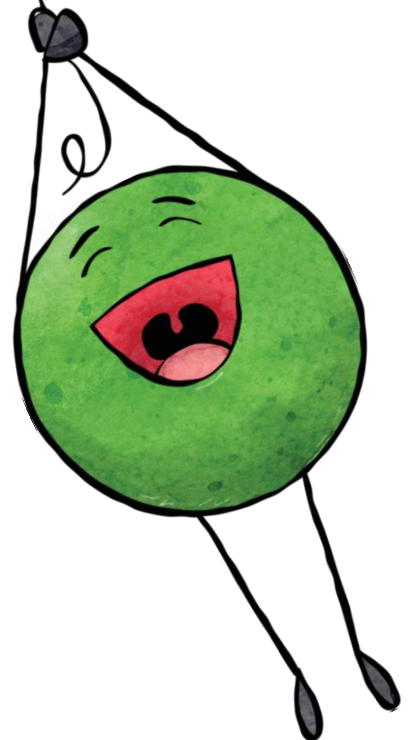
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