

Discover America

Course 12 - Teacher Guide



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4th Grade

Teacher Guide



Key Themes

- America is a nation worth fighting for
- Freedom and equality
- Overcoming past sins

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Explain the cause of the Civil War, the end result, and what laws changed afterwards
- Tell who Abraham Lincoln is and explain his role in the ending of slavery in America
- Describe the differences between the Union and the Confederate states



Lincoln's Legacy - 4th Grade

Introduction

ASK Students

When Abraham Lincoln became our nation's 16th president, America was in the middle of the most devastating war in our nation's history – the Civil War. A civil war is a conflict between people who live in the same country. By 1804, all of the northern states had voted to ban the immoral practice of slavery within their borders. The people living in southern states, however, relied on slaves to work on the large amounts of farmland they owned in order to make money. Those living in the north thought this was wrong. The south was willing to separate from the northern states in order to keep their slaves. Lincoln had a huge task on his plate keeping our nation united with such a strong disagreement going on.

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



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Key Terms

- 01 **Abraham Lincoln** — 16th President of the United States
- 02 **President** — The highest elected official of a country
- 03 **Nation** — A group of people in a specific country
- 04 **Devastating** — Tending to be destructive and harmful
- 05 **The Civil War** — The war that happened between the north and the south in America
- 06 **Union** — 20 northern states that wanted slavery to end
- 07 **Confederacy** — 11 southern states that were in favor of slavery
- 08 **Jefferson Davis** — President of the Confederacy
- 09 **Slavery** — The cruel practice of people "owning" other people and forcing them to work
- 10 **Abolition** - Comes from the word "abolish" which means to get rid of
- 11 **Secede** — Separate from
- 12 **Amendment** — A change or addition to the Constitution
- 13 **Republican Party** — Political party originally founded in response to the issue of slavery; its members did not support the expansion of this terrible evil
- 14 **Robert E. Lee** — General of the Confederate Army whose surrender marked the end of The Civil War

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Lincoln's Presidency

TELL Students

Abraham Lincoln rose to lead the Republican party after the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debates. Lincoln and Senator Stephen A. Douglas were running to be the senator for Illinois and in these debates, each of the men presented their views on slavery. Although Lincoln lost this election, people were so supportive of his anti-slavery positions that in 1860 that he ran for president – and won! When Lincoln became president of the United States, the southern slave-owning states were angry.

In response to Lincoln's election, seven southern states – South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas – seceded from the union. This means they decided they were no longer a part of the United States. They decided to separate from America and form their own country, the Confederate States of America, with Jefferson Davis as their president. Later on, four more states – Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee – would join the Confederacy too.

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Lincoln's Presidency

KEY Point

However, Lincoln believed that a house divided against itself could not stand. He believed that his job as president was to make sure that the United States of America stayed **united** as one nation. As Lincoln said in his first inaugural address in March 1861, "We are not enemies, but friends."

TELL Students

After winning re-election, in 1864, Lincoln led the political movement to pass the Constitution's 13th Amendment. With the amendment's passage in Congress on January 31, 1865, the practice of slavery would be forever abolished in the United States of America. When General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army surrendered on April 9, 1865, it marked the end of the Civil War. At long last, Lincoln succeeded. The Union would become whole again, and slavery would not be a part of it.

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Flash Cards



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ABOLITION

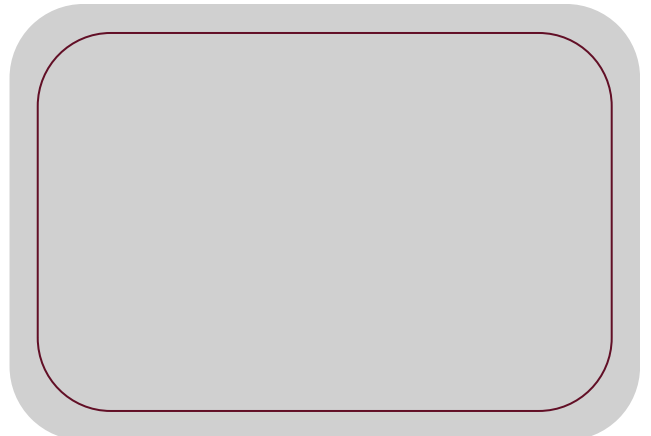
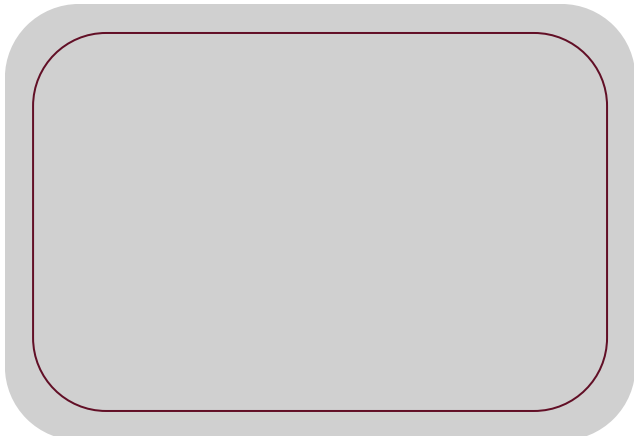
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DEVASTATING

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THE CIVIL WAR

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Who Am I? Biography

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer with information that you have learned.

My name is:	I was born on:

Adjectives to describe me:	My favorite hobbies include:
1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Four facts about me:

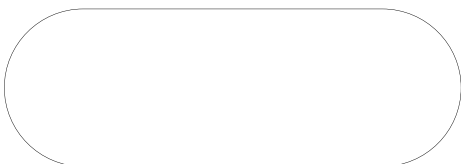
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3 _____

4 _____

I stand for:



I'm remembered for:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Lincoln's Legacy - 4th Grade Assessment

1. Who was the president during the time of The Civil War?

- a. Abraham Lincoln
- b. Steven A. Douglas
- c. John Wilkes Booth
- d. Robert E. Lee

2. The north and the south were fighting about _____.

- a. Plantations
- b. Slavery
- c. Machinery
- d. Agriculture

3. What is it called when someone forces another person to do work for them?

- a. Economy
- b. Servant
- c. President
- d. Slavery

4. Which part of the United States did NOT want slavery?

- a. The north
- b. The south
- c. The east
- d. The west

5. America's Founding Fathers believed all people are _____.

- a. Slaves
- b. Hard workers
- c. American
- d. Equal

6. Lincoln led the political movement to pass _____, abolishing the practice of slavery .

- a. The 5th Amendment
- b. The 13th Amendment
- c. The Missouri Compromise
- d. The Kansas-Nebraska Act

7. Which part of the United States needed slaves to work on their very big farms?

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8. Who's army surrendered on April 9, 1865, marking the end of the Civil War?

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- c. 1864
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- 01 www.nps.gov/civilwar/facts.htm
- 02 www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/slavery.htm
- 03 www.thirteen.org/wnet/slavery/experience/freedom/history.html
- 04 www.history.com/topics/industrial-revolution/industrial-revolution
- 05 www.oyez.org/cases/1850-1900/60us393
- 06 www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/abraham-lincoln
- 07 www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/abraham-lincoln
- 08 www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/abraham-lincoln
- 09 www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/abraham-lincoln/
- 10 www.constitutioncenter.org/media/files/lincoln_facts.pdf
- 11 www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/slavery.htm
- 12 www.loc.gov/collections/civil-war-glass-negatives/articles-and-essays/time-line-of-the-civil-war/1861/
- 13 www.avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/lincoln1.asp
- 14 www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/american-civil-war-history
- 15 www.nps.gov/civilwar/facts.htm
- 16 www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/black-civil-war-soldiers
- 17 www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.24404500/?st=text

