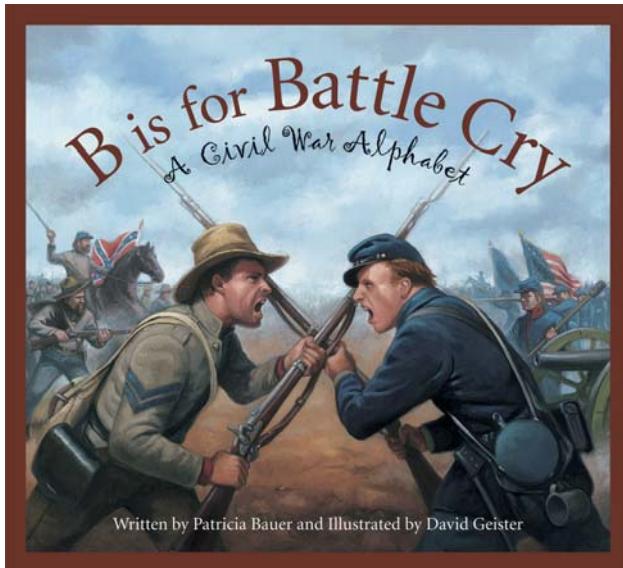


# Teacher's Guide



## B is for Battle Cry A Civil War Alphabet

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# SOUNDS LIKE ALLITERATION

Alliteration is the use of the same sound at the beginning of words in a sentence. Example— Sally sat showing off her shiny shoes.

After reading the book *B is for Battle Cry* finish these alliterative sentences about the Civil War.

1. Six sad soldiers \_\_\_\_\_
2. Matt's metal musket \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lucy's loving letters \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lincoln's legend lives \_\_\_\_\_
5. Nine nervous nurses \_\_\_\_\_
6. Big battle buglers \_\_\_\_\_
7. A dozen deadly diseases \_\_\_\_\_
8. Southern slaves \_\_\_\_\_
9. Confederate cannons came \_\_\_\_\_
10. Forty flags fluttered \_\_\_\_\_

# DID THEY EAT IT?

Times were tough and food could be scarce during the Civil War. Learn about some of the food the soldiers ate in the book *B is for Battle Cry*.

Circle the food that Civil War soldiers might have eaten.

pizza

hardtack

eggs

lobster

corn dodgers

hot dogs

sloosh

jam

skillygalee

pop tarts

Big Mac

sardines

Which of these foods do you think you would have liked to eat if you were a soldier? Why?

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Explain what you think skillygalee tastes like.

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# **UNION OR CONFEDERATE?**

The Civil War split our country into two sides; the North was called the Union and the South the Confederacy.

Place the people from the box below into the correct side.

**Admiral Raphael Semmes**  
**Winfield Scott Hancock**  
**Robert E. Lee**  
**George McClellan**  
**Stonewall Jackson**  
**William Sherman**

**Jefferson Davis**  
**John B. Gordon**  
**Abraham Lincoln**  
**Ulysses S. Grant**  
**Joseph Johnston**

**UNION**

**CONFEDERACY**

# FACT OR FICTION

A fact is a statement that can be proved to be true.  
Fiction is a statement that can't be proved.

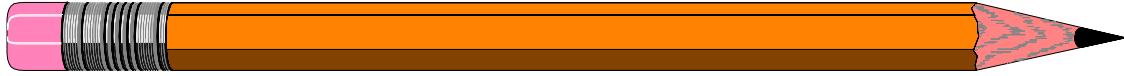
After reading *B is for Battle Cry* decide if each of the statements below is fact or fiction.

Write fact or fiction in front of each statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Patriotism is the love of one's country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The South was called the Union during the Civil War.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Malaria is caused by bad air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Fort Sumter is in Atlanta, Georgia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Abraham Lincoln gave a famous speech at Gettysburg.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The CSS *Virginia* was an ironclad ship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Harriet Tubman served as a spy for the Union Army.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Both the North and the South used a submarine during the war.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Billy Yank was the nickname given to Confederate soldiers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The majority of the Southerners owned slaves.

Write 3 facts not listed above about the Civil War.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## CIVIL WAR CROSSWORD

Each answer in this crossword can be found in the book *B is for Battle Cry*.

1. C \_\_\_\_\_
2. I \_\_\_\_\_
3. V \_\_\_\_\_
4. I \_\_\_\_\_
5. L \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. W \_\_\_\_\_
7. A \_\_\_\_\_
8. R \_\_\_\_\_

1. Corn dodgers are a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ft. Sumter was located on an \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The North won a \_\_\_\_\_ in the war.
4. Wooden ships were replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The words of a song are called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Rifles are a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Soldiers serve in the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A soldier's food was called \_\_\_\_\_.



## WOMEN OF THE WAR

Enjoy learning interesting facts and stories about the Civil War in the book *B is for Battle Cry*. Pay special attention to the brave women in the book.

Match each woman below with her claim to fame.

**Dr. Mary Edwards Walker**

**Dorothea Dix**

**Clara Barton**

**Mary Todd**

**Rose O'Neal Greenhow**

**Harriet Tubman**

**Louisa May Alcott**

**Sarah Edwards**

1. Abraham Lincoln's wife \_\_\_\_\_

2. Superintendent of nurses for the Union \_\_\_\_\_

3. Writer and nurse \_\_\_\_\_

4. Raised money and supplies for war \_\_\_\_\_

5. Southern spy \_\_\_\_\_

6. Spy for the North \_\_\_\_\_

7. Only woman in history to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Served as a Union soldier \_\_\_\_\_

# Jefferson Davis or Abraham Lincoln?

Enjoy learning about the Civil War in the wonderful book *B is for Battle Cry*. Pay special attention to the information about Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln.

Read each statement below. If the statement is only true of Lincoln put an **L** on the line in front of the statement. If it is true only of Davis put a **D** on the line. If it is true about both men put a **B** on the line.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Born in Kentucky
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Born in 1809
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Grew up in Mississippi
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Attended the U.S.S Military Academy
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Shot by John Wilkes Booth
- \_\_\_\_ 6. The only president of the Confederate States of America
- \_\_\_\_ 7. Thought that their side was the right side
- \_\_\_\_ 8. Served in the army during the Black Hawk War
- \_\_\_\_ 9. Wrote the Emancipation Proclamation
- \_\_\_\_ 10. The sixteenth president of the United States

What do you think would have happened to our country if there had never been a Civil War?

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# A CIVIL WAR WHO'S WHO!

Many people are remembered for the roles they played in the Civil War.  
Discover some of these heroic people in the book *B is for Battle Cry*.  
Use the box below to help you match the person with their claim to fame.

<b>Matthew Brady</b>	<b>Elmer Ellsworth</b>	<b>Johnny Reb</b>
<b>John Wilkes Booth</b>		<b>Sarah Edwards</b>
<b>Ulysses S. Grant</b>	<b>Dorothea Dix</b>	<b>Avery Brown</b>
<b>Stephen Douglas</b>		<b>Robert E. Lee</b>

1. Nickname for a Confederate soldier \_\_\_\_\_
2. General who surrendered at Appomattox \_\_\_\_\_
3. Started the Zouave movement in the United States \_\_\_\_\_
4. Female soldier who fought for the Union \_\_\_\_\_
5. Famous Northern general \_\_\_\_\_
6. In charge of Northern nurses \_\_\_\_\_
7. Served in the army before he was nine years old \_\_\_\_\_
8. Defeated Lincoln for a senate seat from Illinois \_\_\_\_\_
9. Assassinated Abraham Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_
10. Civil War photographer \_\_\_\_\_

# CIVIL WAR TIMELINE

Carefully read the book *B is for Battle Cry* looking closely at the years in which events took place.

Place the letter of each event below under the date it took place.

- A. Surrender of Vicksburg
- B. South Carolina seceded from the Union
- C. Lee surrenders, war ends
- D. Emancipation Proclamation signed into law
- E. Fort Sumter fired upon, war begins
- F. Battle of Gettysburg

Jan. 1861	April 1861	Jan. 1863	July 1 1863	July 4 1863	April 9 1865
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# BATTLES, BATTLES, EVERYWHERE



Study the map of the Civil War on the B page of *B is for Battle Cry*. Use the map in the book to help you answer the questions.

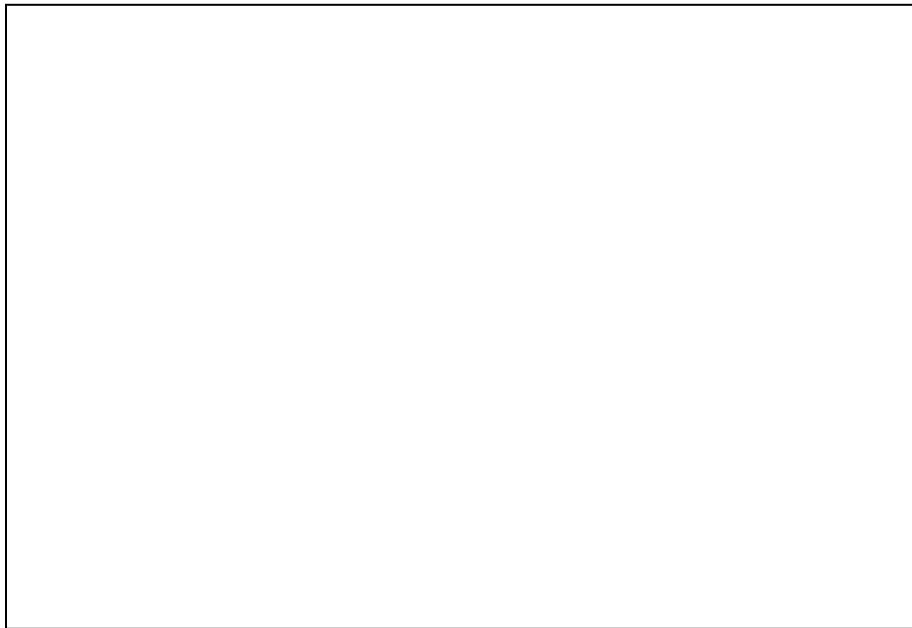
1. Name the battle that took place the farthest east: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the battle that took place the farthest north: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the battle that took place the farthest west: \_\_\_\_\_
4. In which state did the battle of Vicksburg take place? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which two states had the most battles as shown on the map?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Name the only battle on this map that took place in Florida: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name the ocean nearest Ft. Sumter: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where is Pea Ridge? \_\_\_\_\_

Write 2 true statements about the battles in the Civil War. Make your statements different from the above questions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

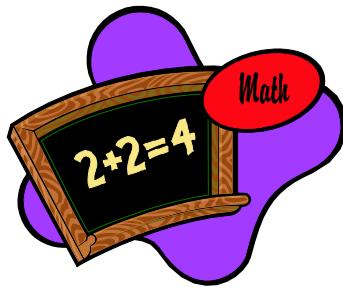
# The Confederate Flag

Use the pictures in the book *B is for Battle Cry* to help you accurately draw and color a Confederate flag. (There were actually a number of different flags used throughout the war by the Confederates.)



List the 13 states that the stars on the flag stood for.

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| 1.  | 2.  |
| 3.  | 4.  |
| 5.  | 6.  |
| 7.  | 8.  |
| 9.  | 10. |
| 11. | 12. |
| 13. |     |



## MATH BY THE SCORE

Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg address begins, "Fourscore and seven years ago." How many years before the speech was Lincoln talking about? It might help you to figure out the answer if you knew a score equaled 20 years. So Lincoln was talking about \_\_\_\_\_ years before his speech.

Solve these score problems.

1. How many years are there in 3 score? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many years in  $\frac{1}{2}$  score? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years in 7 score? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many years in 6 score plus 8? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many years in  $\frac{1}{4}$  score? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Add 5 score plus 8 score minus 1 score \_\_\_\_\_
7. Subtract 12 score from 40 score and give the number, not the score \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many score in 120? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many score in 400? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Write your own score problem.

# Cause and Effects of the Civil War

After reading *B is for Battle Cry* you will have some knowledge about the causes of the war and the effects created by the war.

Complete each statement below using the statements in this box to give the correct cause or effect.

**freed the Southern slaves**

**the Civil War ended**

**the North and the South became one union**

**many soldiers died**

**the war began in April of 1861**

**many men contracted scurvy**

1. The Emancipation Proclamation was made law \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Vegetables were in short supply for the prisoners \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Civil War ended \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. General Lee surrendered at Appomattox \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Unsanitary conditions caused illnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Fort Sumter was fired upon \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Brother vs. Brother**

Many families in the Civil War had sons serving for both the Union and the Confederacy. How difficult it must have been for those families.

Pretend two brothers, one fighting for the North and the other fighting for the South, met in town. Make a list of the reasons each chose to fight for the side they chose.

I believe the (North, South) is right because:

**Nick of the North**

**Sam of the South**

Which brother do you agree with? \_\_\_\_\_

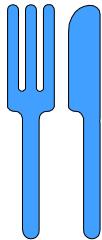
Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Eat Like a Civil War Soldier

What is your favorite snack? Whatever it is, it probably **ISN'T** hardtack. What is hardtack? Read about this staple of the Civil War soldiers' diet in *B is for Battle Cry*.

If you are brave or just curious try this recipe for hardtack.

### HARDTACK RECIPE

#### Ingredients

2 cups flour  
6 pinches salt  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water

#### Directions

1. Mix together flour and salt. Add water and mix well.
2. Use a rolling pin to flatten the dough to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.
3. Cut the dough into 3 inch squares.
4. Make 12 holes in each square using a fork.
5. Place square on a baking sheet.
6. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.
7. Turn dough over and bake for an additional 30 minutes.
8. Turn off the oven. Leave hardtack in the oven until it is cool.
9. Pretend you are a hungry Civil War soldier as you eat your hardtack. Remember that soldiers often dunked their hardtack in soup or coffee to soften it. You might want to try that!

Stephen Foster's ***Hard Times Come Again No More***, first published in 1854, was a popular song during the Civil War. The author of ***B is for Battle Cry*** used the structure of the verses to this song as the basis for the poems in the book. The original lyrics are below. On the next page you will find a parody of the song, which was sung during the Civil War, called ***Hard Crackers Come Again No More***. Hard crackers was another name for hardtack. To hear these songs, as well as the musical version of the poems, please visit the Web site [davidgeister.com](http://davidgeister.com).

### **Hard Times Come Again No More**

1. Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears  
While we all sup sorrow with the poor.  
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears,  
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

#### **Chorus:**

'Tis the song, the sigh of the weary.  
**Hard times, hard times, come again no more.**  
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door.  
**Oh, hard times, come again no more.**

2. While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay,  
There are frail forms fainting at the door.  
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say,  
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

#### **Chorus:**

3. There's a pale drooping maiden who toils her life away  
With a worn heart, whose better days are o'er.  
Though her voice would be merry, 'tis sighing all the day,  
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

#### **Chorus:**

4. 'Tis a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave  
'Tis a wail that is heard upon the shore  
'Tis a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave  
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

#### **Chorus:**

## **Hard Crackers Come Again No More**

(Union Army parody of Stephen Foster's ***Hard Times Come Again No More***)

Let us close our game of poker, take our tin cups in hand  
While we gather 'round the cook tent's door  
Where dry mummies of hard crackers are given to each man,  
Oh, hard crackers, come again no more!

Chorus:

'Tis the song and the sigh of the hungry  
Hard crackers, hard crackers, come again no more  
Many days you have lingered upon our stomachs sore  
Oh, hard crackers, come again no more!

There's a hungry, thirsty soldier, who wears his life away  
With torn clothes, whose better days are o'er.  
He is sighing now for whiskey and with throat as dry as hay  
Sings, " Hard crackers, come again no more!"

Chorus:

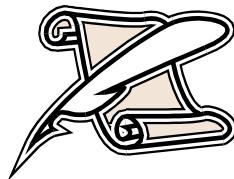
'Tis the song that is uttered in camp, by night and day  
'Tis the wail that is mingled with each snore.  
'Tis the sighing of the soul, for spring chickens far away  
Oh, hard crackers, come again no more!

(Sometimes mush was served instead ofhardtack, which didn't make  
the soldiers any happier!)

But to groans and to murmurs there has come a sudden hush,  
Our frail forms are fainting at the door;  
We are starving now on horse-feed, that the cooks call mush  
Oh, hard crackers, come again once more!

Chorus:

It's the dying wail of the starving  
Hard crackers, hard crackers, come again once more;  
You were old and very wormy, but we pass your failings o'er  
Oh, hard crackers, come again once more!



## DEAR BROTHER JONATHON

Pretend you are living during the Civil War and your 15-year-old brother is a soldier. Reading the book *B is for Battle Cry* will help you to understand what life was like during that time in history.

Write a letter to your brother telling him what's been happening on the farm and asking him about the war.

Dear John,

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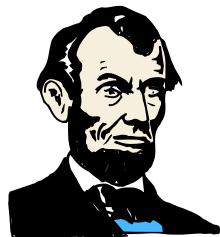
Love,

# THE CIVIL WAR TIMES

Do you want to know what happened during the Civil War? You will find many stories of people and battles connected with the war in the book *B is for Battle Cry*.

Choose a person or event for the Civil War and write a newspaper article about that person or event. Make sure your facts are accurate and your article is interesting.

Remember, the first paragraph of your article should contain the important facts of the story. The rest of the article needs to give additional information to support the facts.



## Elect Abraham Lincoln Poster

Every four years we have a presidential election in the United States. Many of you will remember at least one such election. Candidates make posters that encourage people to vote for them.

Design a poster promoting Abraham Lincoln for president in 1860. Use this sheet to plan your rough draft and ideas. Many examples of Lincoln campaign posters exist online.

Do a final poster on large construction paper. What would make you want to vote for Abraham Lincoln?

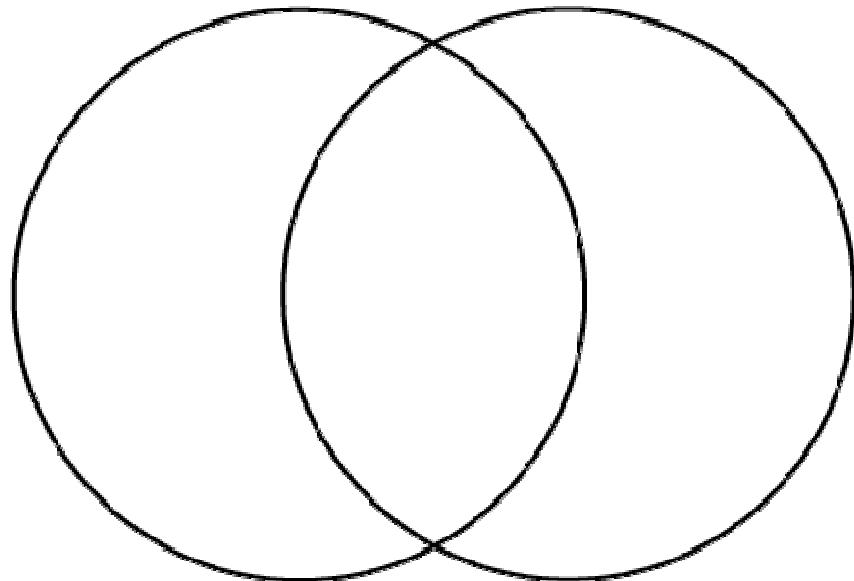


## Free Time Activities

### Venn Diagram

What do you do in your spare time? Do you ever get bored? Think of all of the things you could do if you're bored. Now imagine you are a young soldier far away from home in 1863. When you have free time, what would you do? Find some of the activities that helped Civil War soldiers pass the time in *B is for Battle Cry*.

Make a Venn diagram comparing the activities you do in your free time and the activities a young soldier did in his free time.



# WHY GO TO WAR?

Wars have been happening since the beginning of time. The question is, why? Are there ever good reasons to go to war? After reading the book *B is for Battle Cry* you will have a good idea about why the Civil War was started.

Make two lists, one showing good reasons for going to war and one showing why people should never go to war. Put on your thinking cap and come up with good reasons for both sides.

## **Good reasons for war**

## **Good reasons for never going to war**

# B IS FOR BATTLE CRY

## ANSWER KEY

**Did They Eat It-** hardtack, eggs, corn dodgers, sloosh, jam, sardines, skillygalee

**Union or Confederate-** UNION- Lincoln, Grant, McClellan, Sherman, Hancock  
CONFEDERATE-Semmes, Davis, Lee, Jackson, Johnston, Gordon

**Fact or Fiction-** Fact- 1,5,6,7,8                  Fiction- 2,3,4,9,10

**Civil War Crossword-** 1) corn bread 2) island 3) victory 4) ironclads 5) lyrics 6) weapon 7) army 8) rations

**Women of the War-** 1) Mary Todd 2) Dorothea Dix 3) Louisa May Alcott 4) Clara Barton 5) Rose O'Neal Greenhow 6) Harriet Tubman 7) Dr. Mary Edwards Walker 8) Sarah Edwards

**Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln-** 1) B 2) L 3) D 4) D 5) L 6) D 7) B 8) B 9) L 10) L

**Who's Who-** 1) Johnny Reb 2) Robert E. Lee 3) Elmer Ellsworth 4) Sarah Edwards 5) Ulysses S. Grant 6) Dorothea Dix 7) Avery Brown 8) Stephen Douglas 9) John Wilkes Booth 10) Matthew Brady

**Civil War Timeline-** Jan. 1861- S. Carolina secedes from Union April 1, 1861 – Ft. Sumter fired upon, war began Jan. 1, 1863- Emancipation Proclamation signed into law July 1, 1863- Battle of Gettysburg July 4, 1863- Surrender of Vicksburg April 9, 1865- Lee surrenders, war ends

**Battles, Battles, Everywhere-** 1) Hampton Roads 2) Gettysburg 3) Sabine Pass 4) Mississippi 5) Tennessee, Virginia 6) Oluster 7) Atlantic 8) Arkansas

**The Confederate Flag-** S. Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Virginia, N. Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri

**Math by the Score-** 1) 60 2) 10 3) 140 4) 128 5) 5 6) 240 7) 560 8) 6 9) 20

**Cause and Effects of the Civil War-** 1) freed the Southern slaves 2) many men contracted scurvy 3) North and South became one union 4) the Civil War ended 5) many soldiers died 6) the war began in April of 1861