

# WORKSHEET: THE CIVIL WAR

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**Instructions:**

Read the following excerpts from *The Americans* and answer the corresponding questions

1. **Read: From “Lincoln is Elected President” on pg.164 to the end of the section on pg.165.**

A. What triggered southern states to begin seceding from the Union? Why were they unhappy?

B. List the states that left the Union to form the Confederacy (4 more are listed at top of pg.169)

The Confederate States of America		

2. **Identities: Use the index to look up the following people (Look up by last name)**

Who?	What side?	What was their role?
Abraham Lincoln		
Jefferson Davis		
Ulysses S. Grant		
Robert E. Lee		

3. **Read: Primary document, “The Emancipation Proclamation” (Passed out in class)**

A. What was the date of this document?

B. What was the main purpose of The Emancipation Proclamation?

C. In which states was this to go into effect?

D. Which southern state is not mentioned in the document? Why do you think this is?

E. What advice does Lincoln give to those affected by this document?

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### 4. Read: "The Battle of Gettysburg" on pgs.176-177

- A. By the end of the first day of the battle, how many troops had gathered on both sides?
- B. What effect did the defeat of the Confederates at Gettysburg have on Robert E. Lee's plan?
- C. On what date did the Union forces defeat the Confederates at Gettysburg?
- D. How many men were killed on both sides during the battle?

### 5. Read: "The Battle of Vicksburg" on pg.179

- A. Why did the Confederates surrender at Vicksburg?
- B. On what date did the Union forces defeat the Confederates at Vicksburg?
- C. Considering the dates of victory for the Union at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, what effect do you think this had on the morale of the Confederate forces?

### 6. Read: "The Gettysburg Address" on pg.179

- A. Why is the Gettysburg Address considered important when studying American history?

### 7. Read: "The Surrender At Appomattox" on pg.181

- A. What happened at Appomattox Court House on April 3, 1865?

### 8. Read: "Lincoln Is Assassinated" on pg.183

- A. How many days after the surrender at Appomattox was Lincoln assassinated?
- B. Who was the assassin that shot Lincoln?

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### **Document: The Emancipation Proclamation (Modified)**

On the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State in rebellion against the United States, shall be forever free. . .

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States. . .do order and designate [appoint] the following States as being in rebellion:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.

And I hereby call upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons will be received into the armed service of the United States.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN