

American Civil War Begins Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. Where were fired the first shots of the American Civil War?

- A. First Manassas/First Bull Run
- B. Baltimore
- C. Fort Sumter
- D. Wilson's Creek

2. Fort Sumter was located in what harbor?

- A. Pensacola, Florida
- B. Norfolk News, Virginia
- C. Charleston, South Carolina
- D. New Orleans, Louisiana

3. Who was the President of the United States during the Civil War from March 4, 1861- April 15, 1865?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. James Buchanan
- C. Ulysses S. Grant
- D. Andrew Johnson

4. Who was the President of the Confederate States during the Civil War?

- A. Robert E. Lee
- B. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
- C. Alexander Stephens
- D. Jefferson Davis

5. What was name given to slave states that officially stayed in the Union/United States during the Civil War?

- A. Abolitionist States
- B. Border States
- C. Copperhead States
- D. Debtor States

6. What was NOT an advantage that the Confederate States had over the Northern States?

- A. A tradition of military service
- B. Fighting to preserve their "way of life"
- C. Cotton could be traded with Europe for supplies
- D. More factories than the North

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7. According to some historians, what was NOT an advantage that the Northern States had over the Confederate States?

- A. More factories than the South
- B. More people than the South
- C. More railroads than the South
- D. More officers with military experience than the South

8. What was NOT part of United States General Winfield Scott's original strategy to defeat the Confederacy?

- A. Control the Mississippi River to split the South in half
- B. Blockade Southern ports
- C. Free the slaves and have them fight for the United States
- D. Capture the Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia

9. By the end of the Civil War what general would lead all of the United States' armies?

- A. George G. Meade
- B. William Tecumseh Sherman
- C. George B. McClellan
- D. Ulysses S. Grant

10. Who was considered the best of the Confederate generals? By the end of the war he would command all of the Confederate armies.

- A. Pierre Goustave Toutant Beauregard
- B. Robert E. Lee
- C. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
- D. James Ewell Brown "JEB" Stuart

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

If you had been in charge of the United States' armed forces during the Civil War, what would have been your strategy to defeat the Confederate States?

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Answers:

1. C. Fort Sumter, South Carolina
2. C. Charleston, South Carolina
3. A. Abraham Lincoln
4. D. Jefferson Davis
5. B. Border States
6. D. More factories than the North
7. D. Fighting on its own soil
8. C. Free the slaves and have them fight for the United States
9. D. Ulysses S. Grant
10. B. Robert E. Lee