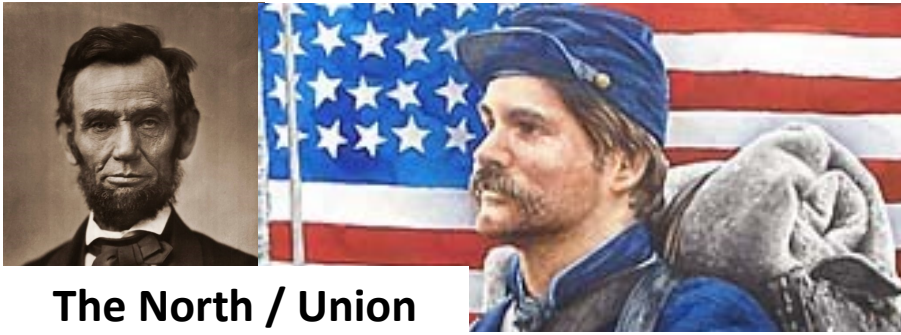


North - Union v South - Confederacy



Mission: to decide which side was the strongest when the war began in 1861.



The North / Union



The South / Confederacy

Score each piece of information out of 5.

Rounds Won



Total Score



President



President Lincoln
Elected the 16th President of the United States in 1860. Born in Kentucky he had little formal education but was a HUGE reader!

Lincoln volunteered to fight in the Black Hawk War of 1832 ... he did not see direct combat but he was shocked and disturbed seeing dead battlefield soldiers.

Lincoln had been a store co owner and lawyer before entering politics. Described as having "manic intellect" he was also affected by periods of deep sadness.

President



Jefferson Davis
He was the first + only President of the Confederacy. He was a plantation + slave owner. Born in Kentucky. Loved the South.

Davis attended military school and placed 23rd out of his class of 34. He later fought bravely in the Mexican War of 1848 and was offered a promotion.

He refused military promotion + was elected to the U.S. Senate. Very popular in the South but impatient with those who disagreed with him.

Round 1



Total



Generals



Ulysses S. Grant
Average military student - attended West Point. Fought well in the Mexican War but in 1856 quit the army - a drinking problem!

William T. Sherman
One of 11 children he attended the U.S. Military Academy. Unspectacular service + did not see real combat before the civil war.

George Thomas
A Virginian slave holder who graduated 12th in his class from West Point. He served very well in the Mexican War 1846 - 48.

Generals



Robert E. Lee
He was considered the best general in the USA. Lee refused Lincoln's offer to lead the Union + led the Confederates instead.

'Stonewall' Jackson
He attended West Point. (best military school) He fought in the Mexican War and received awards for outstanding service.

Nathan Bedford Forrest
Wealthy slave owner with no military training. Equipped his own fighting unit. The 'wizard of the saddle'. Bold and unpredictable.

Round 2



Total



Military



The armies of the Confederacy and the Union were almost equal in size at the start of the war in 1861 Union Army was usually better equipped.

The Union Army was able to call up more men over time - they were trained (a little) before seeing combat.

Most of the Union army were volunteers.

The pay was low and sacrifices huge for these men.

Military



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Southerners were more 'rough and ready'. Many had been raised knowing how to hunt, ride horses and use weapons.

Most soldiers in the Confederate army were very highly motivated to defend their homes, state, the South + way of life from the hated Yankee invaders!

Round 3



Total



Resources



Population

22 million.

The North had more ...

Money
Factories
Railroads
Horses
Farmland

The North had more natural resources like ..

Coal
Timber (Wood)
Iron
Gold

Resources



Population

5.5 million

Plus

3,5 million slaves.

The South had very large areas of land that would be difficult for the Union to fully control.

Confederates had the best ports such as ...

New Orleans
+
Charleston.

Round 4



Total



Other



The Union Navy had 90 ships with about 40 ready for fighting when the war began in 1861.

The Union were fighting on enemy land. They were seen as the aggressor and invader by angry Southerners but also some in the North.

One more thing?

Other



The Confederate States Navy had about 30 ships with only 14 ready to fight when the war began in 1861.

The Confederate States were fighting a defensive war - on their own land that they knew well.

One more thing?

Home field advantage!

Round 5



Total

