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**Introduction to the Civil War**

Directions: Read **pages** **480 – 489** in your U.S. History textbook and answer the following questions.

1. What did Lincoln say in his inaugural address as president that indicated he wanted the South to remain part of the United States?

2. What event marked the beginning of the Civil War? Briefly describe what happened there. (p.480 caption or p.481 text)

3. Who was Jefferson Davis AND what were some of his accomplishments? (p.481 caption)

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4a. How many volunteer soldiers did Lincoln originally ask for?

4b. Why was the term of enlistment only set at 90 days?

4c. How long did the Civil War actually last?

5. What did the Southerners call the war instead of the Civil War?

6. Why did Southerners seek independence from the Union?

7. True or False: At the beginning of the war, the North’s goal was to abolish slavery.

8. In April 1861, there were still 8 slave states that belonged to the Union (North) but they soon had to decide which side to join. What did those states decide to do? Explain.

9a. Define **martial law** –

9b. Why did Lincoln feel it was necessary to declare martial law in April 1861?

10. Explain why Confederate (South) soldiers had a distinct advantage on land.

11. Describe some weaknesses of the South.

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12. What was the South’s (Confederacy’s) population compared to the North’s (Union)?

13a. What was the North’s greatest resource?

13b. Explain how this gave them a big advantage in the war.

14. Which side had the biggest advantage at sea? Explain.

15. Many people thought that Jefferson Davis was a stronger leader than Lincoln. Describe at least 4 reasons why people may have believed this at that time.

16. True or False: Over time, Lincoln proved to be a strong leader and an excellent war planner.

17. Who was Robert E. Lee? (p.489 caption)

17b. Explain the conundrum Lee faced just before the two sides (the North and South) went to war.

17c. What did he ultimately decide to do?

17d. Why do you think he made that decision?

18. How did Lee’s decision affect Lincoln and the Northern troops?