



## **Chapter 15 – The Civil War Study Guide**

Written below are questions that will be required to know for the chapter test. The answer for each question can be found in your notes. Go back to your notes for this section and find the correct answer. This study guide is to help guide your studies for the upcoming test. It is not a requirement for this class, it does not need to be turned in, and it will not be scored. This is only meant as a tool to help you prepare for the test. If you complete, study, and know the following information, your overall performance on the test should be high. Do your best and ace the test!

### **Section 1**

1. What was President Lincoln's main goal when he took office in 1861?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How was President Lincoln's inaugural address influenced by the Declaration of Independence?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Which event marked the beginning of the Civil War?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What was Union general Winfield Scott's strategy for winning the Civil War?

### **Section 2**

5. What was the significance of the First Battle of Bull Run?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why did General Robert E. Lee decide to lead the Confederate army although he was opposed to slavery and secession?

7. What did the Second Battle of Bull Run accomplish for the Confederacy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What was the significance of the Battle of Antietam?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why did the Union find it difficult to maintain the blockade it set up to control southern ports?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What feature made the new warships developed by the South dangerous to the Union navy?

### **Section 3**

11. What was the goal of the Union army in the West?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What was the significance of the Siege of Vicksburg?

### **Section 4**

13. Why did President Lincoln support the ending of slavery?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What was the Emancipation Proclamation?

15. What principle from the Declaration of Independence did President Lincoln base the Emancipation Proclamation on?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Why did Lincoln wait until after the Union victory at the Battle of Antietam before announcing the Emancipation Proclamation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. Why did the group of northern Democrats known as the Copperheads oppose the draft?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. How did life change for civilians in both the North and the South during the Civil War?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. How did many women help during the Civil War?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. In what way did African American soldiers in the war face more difficulties than white soldiers?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. What practice did Lincoln employ to silence those in opposition to the war?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. Why did many Northerners begin to oppose the Civil War?

23. Which of the following was an African American unit in the Civil War that played a key role in the attack on South Carolina's Fort Wagner?

## **Section 5**

24. What was the purpose of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address?

25. How did Lincoln's Gettysburg Address reflect ideas that were introduced in the Declaration of Independence?

26. Why was the Battle of Gettysburg a turning point in the Civil War?

27. What important contribution did General William Tecumseh Sherman make to the Union war effort?

28. Why did General Lee decide to surrender his troops at Appomattox Courthouse?

29. How did life for African Americans in the South change after the Civil War?

30. How did the Union's capture of Atlanta contribute to Lincoln's reelection?