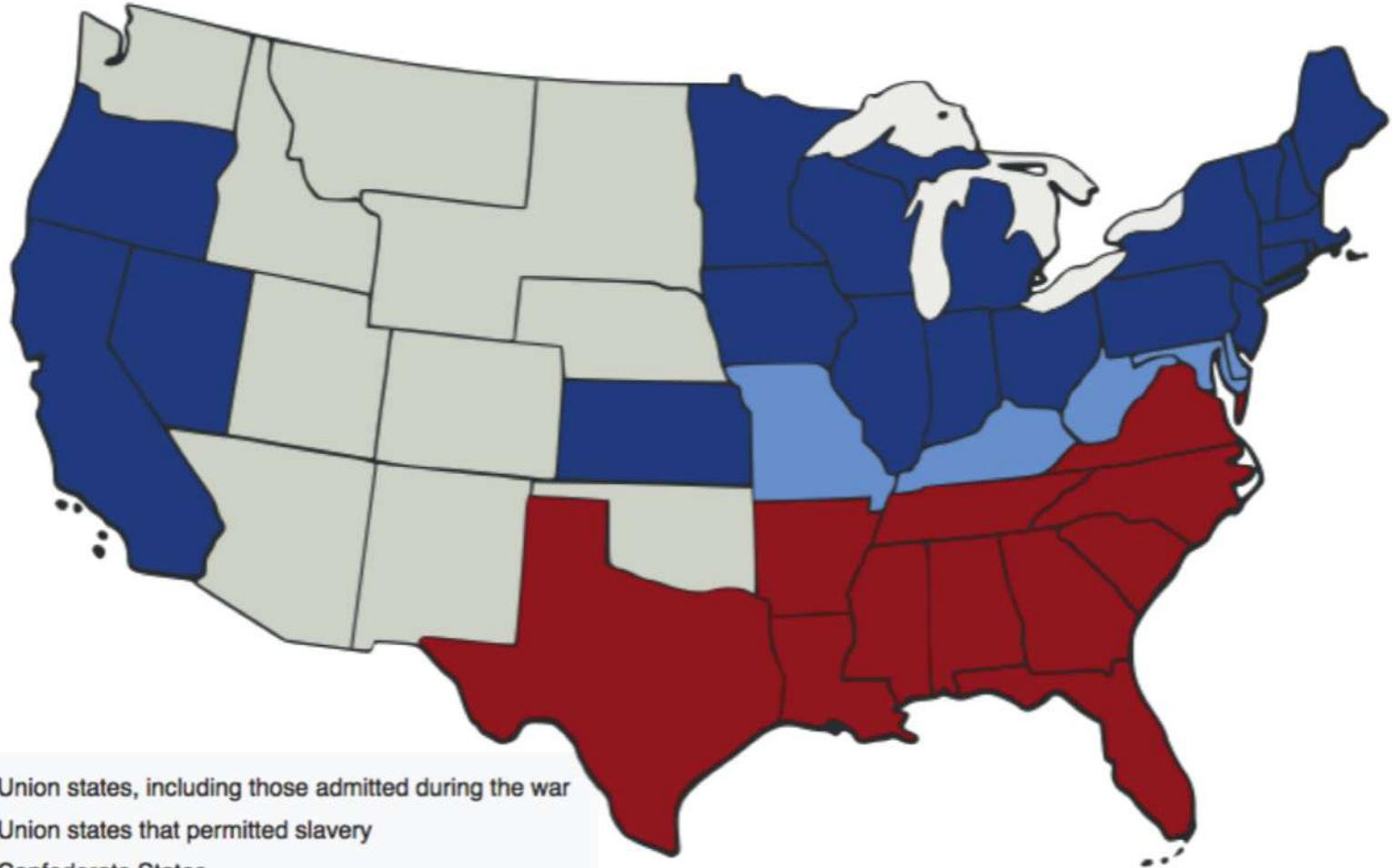






Radical Reconstruction

Focus Activity



The Civil War, 1861-1865



-  Union states, including those admitted during the war
-  Union states that permitted slavery
-  Confederate States
-  Territories

Reconstruction Era



Photograph of ruins in Richmond, Virginia, taken in 1865

Major Questions After the Civil War

- How should the South be rebuilt?
- How should the states that seceded be brought back into the Union?
- How should former slaves be incorporated into the country as freed men and women?

Reconstructing a Nation



Photograph of a Union soldier camp taken between 1861 and 1865

- After 4 years of war and over 200 years of slavery, could Northerners and Southerners rebuild the South together?
- Could they unify as citizens of the same country?

Punishment for the Confederate States?

- Should people who fought against the United States be recognized as citizens? Should they be punished?



*Illustration of the Attack on Fort Sumter from
1861*

- What should be done to the Southern state governments that fought against the United States?

African Americans in the South

- How would freed men and women be treated in the Southern states?
- How would Northerners address the issue of including former slaves as citizens in society?
- What were some major challenges that former slaves faced?



Photograph of an enslaved family in South Carolina taken in 1862

Central Historical Question

*Why was the Radical
Republican plan for
Reconstruction considered
“radical”?*