

## Civil War Internet Scavenger Hunt

(Courtesy of Mr. Martin from Brockton Public School)

### 1. Slavery in New England!

\_\_\_\_\_ Many historians believe that the main cause of the Civil War was slavery. According to this timeline, which British colony legalized slavery in 1641?

### 2. A Necessary Compromise?

\_\_\_\_\_ Slavery was an unsettled issue right from our nation's start. What was the name of the compromise that convinced slave-holding Southern states to join the Union?

### 3. Keeping the Balance

\_\_\_\_\_ In 1820, another compromise was made to keep a balance of power between the slave and free states. What two new states were admitted by the Missouri Compromise?

### 4. Capturing Runaways

\_\_\_\_\_ Still another compromise over slavery was needed in 1850 to hold the Union together. In return for admitting California as a free state, what new law did Southern states receive?

### 5. Bidding for Slaves

\_\_\_\_\_ This drawing depicts the method used to sell many slaves. What is it called?

### 6. Slavery and the Supreme Court

\_\_\_\_\_ In this famous decision, the Supreme Court ruled that slaves were property and had no legal rights in court. Name this slave who tried unsuccessfully to win his freedom in court.

### 7. Massachusetts Senator Caned!

\_\_\_\_\_ The debate over slavery became violent even before the Civil War began - and in some surprising places! Where was U.S. Senator Charles Sumner almost beaten to death?

### 8. John Brown's Raid

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the immediate causes of the Civil War was John Brown's raid. What was the name of the town in Virginia where Brown and his men hoped to start a slave uprising?

## 9. [Red State or Blue State?](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ (See chart and map at bottom) The election in 1860 was another immediate cause of the war. What party and candidate did Massachusetts support in that election?

## 10. [Our Tallest President](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Here are some quick facts about President Lincoln. Kids today communicate by cell phone and e-mail. How would Lincoln have communicated with friends in his day?

## 11. [The Union Dissolved!](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Locate December 20, 1860 on this timeline. Which was the first state to secede from the United States of America on that date?

## 12. [The Confederate President](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ What was the name of the city in the South which became the capital of the Confederacy, and where Jefferson Davis served as its President?

## 13. [The States Take Sides](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Here's a map of how the Civil War divided the nation. Besides California, which other western state remained loyal to the Union?

## 14. [War Begins!](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Confederate attack on Fort Sumter signaled the start of the Civil War. In the harbor of which Southern city was Fort Sumter located?

## 15. [Union Strategy](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Part of the Union's war strategy was to prevent the South from selling its cotton and receiving supplies by sea. What tactic did the Union use to accomplish this goal?

## 16. [The Turning Point](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ A 3-day battle in July of 1863 marked the turning point of the war. Near what small Pennsylvania town did Union forces turn back Lee's 2nd invasion of the North?

## 17. [Four Score and Seven Years Ago](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Read this short speech that President Lincoln made at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg. What famous final words did he use to describe our government?

## 18. [History For Your Eyes](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Browse through these Civil War photos (click to enlarge). Choose one you think is especially good and create a title for it. (Click "Part II" at bottom to see more photos.)

## 19. [Battlefield Amputations](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Amputation of arm or leg was the most common surgery performed during the Civil War. Read this vivid description. How long did the average battlefield amputation take?

## 20. [Lincoln and Civil Liberties](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Scroll to "Suspension of Habeas Corpus") During the Civil War, Lincoln suspended Habeas Corpus - the right of an arrested person to be brought before a \_?\_.

## 21. [Mass 54th Honored](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Massachusetts 54th, the Civil War's first African American regiment, is honored by the monument shown here (click to enlarge). Where in Boston is it located?

## 22. [Confederate Soldiers in Boston!](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ During the Civil War, Confederate prisoners of war were held at a fort which was located in Boston. It can still be visited today. What is its name?

## 23. [Women at War](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Here are some of the women of the Civil War. Click on the photo of Clara Barton. What famous organization did this "angel of the battlefield" establish?

## 24. [Civil War Songs](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Scan this list of Civil War songs. Name one of the song titles which you recognize.

## 25. [Counting Up the Losses](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ With the end of the war, both sides mourned their losses. Here's a list of the casualties at many of the major battles. What was the total number of casualties at Gettysburg?

## 26. [Lincoln's Final Hours](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln's last day and final hours are detailed here. Scroll down to 10 pm. What injury did Booth suffer when he leaped to the stage after shooting the president?

## 27. [Slavery Outlawed](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the results of the Union victory in the Civil War was to end slavery in the United States. Which amendment to the Constitution outlawed slavery?

## 28. [Reconstruction President](#)

\_\_\_\_\_ Here's a picture gallery of U.S. Presidents. What was the name of the vice-president who succeeded Lincoln and became our 17th president?