Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 5 Civil War 1861 to 1865

Essential Understandings	The Civil War united a divided country.
Essential Questions	 What were some factors that contributed to the start of the Civil War? What were some major events of the Civil War? Which states were part of the Confederacy? Which states were part of the Union? What were some outcomes of the Civil War? What were the strengths and weakness of the Confederate and Union Armies?
	 What were some effects of the war on daily life? Some factors contributing to the start of the Civil War included: North - desire to preserve the Union, more anti slavery
	representatives in Congress. South - desire to continue slavery in order to preserve the economic well being of the south. Some of the events of the Civil War were: 1861
Essential Knowledge	 February 9⁻ Confederate States of America were formed with Jefferson Davis as president. April 12 - the Civil War begins with Confederates open fire upon Fort Sumpter in Charleston, South Carolina. No casualties occurred. April 17 - Virginia secedes from the Union, followed within 5 weeks by Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina, thus forming an eleven state Confederacy. July 21 - Battle of Bull Run
	 June 1 - Gen. Robert E. Lee assumes command of the Confederate Army. September 17 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history at Antietam. By nightfall 26,000 men are dead, wounded, or missing. Lee then withdraws to Virginia. December 13 - the Union suffers a costly defeat at Fredericksburg in Virginia.

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	Strengths of the Confederacy included:
	 Jefferson Davis had military experience during Mexican war.
	 Leaders from Virginia Military Institute and from West Point.
	 Fought on their own land.
	Weaknesses of the Confederacy included:
	 Very little industry development.
	 Mostly an agrarian economy.
	Fewer railroads.
	 Most wealth in land and slaves.
	 Population 9 million (3,500,000 were slaves)
	 Virtually no Navy at the start of the war.
Essential	Strengths of the Union included:
Knowledge	o Population 22 million.
	 92% of the nation's industry located in the north.
	 75% of the railroads located in the north.
	 Leaders from West Point.
	 Weaknesses of the Union included:
	 Lincoln had no military experience.
	 Generals were not effective until General Grant.
	 Battles were mostly in the south.
	Some effects of the war on daily life were:
	 Extreme property damage causing communities being
	rebuilt.
	 Countryman against countryman.
	 Emancipation Proclamation began to change the way the
	south did business.
	The country need mending and reuniting.
	People:
	 Abolitionist, rebel, Confederate, Butternut, Johnny Reb,
	Yank, Federals, Lincoln, Davis, Grant, Lee, Jackson,
	John Browne, Harriet Beecher Stowe
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Vocabulary	Antietam, Gettysburg, Fort Sumter, Richmond Virginia,
	Washington D.C.
	• <u>Terms:</u>
	ogranian artillant accompliantian blackeds accomply
	agrarian, artillery, assassination, blockade, casualty,
	chloroform, Confederacy, desertion, dysentery
	emancipation, hardtack, haversack, infantry, iron clad, rank,
	rations, recruit, salt pork, secede, tactics, Union, Uncle
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