Social Studies

Essential	 The Civil War, its antecedents, and aftermath can be understood
Understandings	through the concepts of power, conflict, and justice.
Essential Questions	 How did cultural, political, and economic issues create bitter divisions between the North and the South? How did the issues of states' rights and slavery increase sectional tension between the North and South? What did the political map look like after secession? Who are the leaders of the Civil War and what were their contributions? What are the critical events of the Civil War? How did conflict lead to innovation? What hardships were experienced during the Civil War? How did the Civil War change the lives of soldiers, women and slaves? What are the basic provisions of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments? What were the Reconstruction policies for the South?

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	•	The North, a mainly industrial society, and the South, a mainly
		agrarian society, found it difficult to agree on social and political
		issues.
		Slavery and agriculture shaped southern life.
	•	Issues and events that divided the nation included:
		 States' rights vs. central government
		o Slavery
		 Dred Scott Decision
		 <u>Uncle Tom's Cabin</u>
		 John Brown's Raid
		Attempts to balance states' rights and the authority of the federal
		government included:
		 Missouri Compromise
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	_	• Kansas-Nebraska Act
		Conflict divided the nation into several categories of states and
		territories which included:
		 states that seceded
		 states that remained in the Union as slave states
		o free states
Essential	•	Leaders of this era included:
Knowledge		 Abraham Lincoln
		 Jefferson Davis
		 U. S. Grant
		 Robert E. Lee
		 Henry Clay
		 Daniel Webster
		o John Calhoun
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	-	There were major differences in the North and South which
		included:
		 Available resources of the North and South
		 Military strategies of the North and South
	•	Some critical events during the Civil War that supported the goals
		of the North or South included:
		 Fort Sumter
		o Bull Run
		 Naval action (i.e., Monitor, Merrimack)
		o Antietam
		 Emancipation Proclamation
		 Vicksburg
		o Gettysburg
		 Appomattox Courthouse

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	Power, Conflict, and Justice
	 The Union and the Confederacy faced many hardships during the
	war both on and off the battlefield:
	 Families and friends were pitted against each other.
	 The South suffered complete devastation.
	 Disease and starvation was rampant in the camps and the
	battlefield.
	 Medical care was crude.
	 Technological innovations of the time changed the way war
	was fought.
	 The prolonged and difficult war had several effects:
	 passage of the draft law riots in the cities
	 implementation of income tax establishment of the American Red Cross
	 establishment of the American Red Cross inflation
	 The nation needed to mend its wounds:
	 Ten Percent Plan
	 Wade-Davis
	 Freedmen's Bureau
	 Johnson Plan
	 Reconstruction Act
	 Many problems arose during Reconstruction:
	 Assassination of Lincoln
	 Radical Republicans
	 Impeachment of Johnson
	 Economy of the South
	 Black codes
	 Opposition to Reconstruction in the South
	 Following the war the Constitution was changed:
	 13th amendment banned slavery throughout the nation
	 14th Amendment granted citizenship to all persons born in
	the United States
	 15th Amendment ensured all citizens the right to vote
	 After the Civil War racial segregation became an issue:
	 Jim Crow laws—legalized discrimination characterized by
	unequal opportunities in housing, work, education and
	government.
	• <u>Terms</u> :
	 sectionalism, states' rights, popular sovereignty, fugitive,
	civil war, arsenal, martyr, confederate, Confederate States
Veeebulen	of America, emancipate, ironclad, civilian, draft, siege, total
Vocabulary	war, freedmen, Reconstruction, slave codes, black codes,
	scalawag, carpetbagger, sharecropper, citizen, segregation,
	poll tax, Jim Crow, literacy test, grandfather clause, suffrage, cede, secede, inflation

Essential Skills	 Recognize the differences between the North and South that led to conflict. Describe how slavery and agriculture shaped southern life. Identify and explain some issues and events that divided the nation. Analyze the attempts to balance states' rights and the authority of the federal government. Distinguish the several categories of states and territories prior to the Civil War. Identify leaders of this era and their significant contributions. Compare and contrast the differences in the North and South. Describe the many hardships the Union and the Confederacy faced during the war both on and off the battlefield. Identify the effects of the prolonged and difficult war. Outline the plans the nation took to mend its wounds. Describe problems that arose during Reconstruction. Summarize how and why the Constitution changed following the war. Analyze issues after the Civil War.
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	Civics and Government
	A. Rights, Responsibilities, and Participation
	4. Identify ways in which citizens in a pluralistic society manage
	differences of opinion on public policy issues.
	5. Explain the functions of and relationships among local, state,
	and national governments.
	C. Fundamental Principles of Government and Constitutions
	2. Examine civil rights, liberties, and responsibilities established in
	the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
	History
	A. Chronology
	1. Describe the effects of historical changes of on daily life.
	2. Identify the sequence of major events and people in the
	history of Maine, the United States, and selected world
Related	civilizations.
Maine Learning	B. History
Results	1. Demonstrate an understanding of the causes and effects
	of major events in United States history and the connections to
	Maine history with an emphasis on events up to 1877, including
	but not limited to: the Declaration of Independence, Westward Expansion, Civil War, The Constitution, Industrialization)
	2. Demonstrate an understanding of selected themes in
	Maine, United States, and world history (e.g., revolution,
	technological innovation, migration).
	C. Historical Inquiry, Analysis, and Interpretation
	3. Use information from a variety of primary and secondary
	sources to identify and support a point of view on a
	controversial historical topic.
	Geography
	A. Skills and Tools
	3. Understand United States social, political, and economic
	divisions and the more significant social and political divisions in
	world geography.
	 Develop a table of the strengths and weaknesses of the North and
Sample	South.
Lessons	 Create a newspaper depicting the headlines during the Civil War
And	from a northern or southern perspective.
Activities	 Write a letter home from a sailor aboard the Monitor.
	 Create diary entries from the perspective of a person on the
	battlefield (i.e., soldier, doctor, nurse, etc.)

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	 Choose an activity (written report, oral report, song, poem, political cartoon, etc) to demonstrate your understanding of the causes of the Civil War. Complete quizzes and tests. Organize an exhibit of Civil War images. Write a speech convincing a jury to acquit or convict John Brown.
Sample Resources	 <u>Publications:</u> <u>American Nation</u> - Prentice Hall <u>American History: The Modern Era</u> - Glencoe <u>Magazine of History</u>, January 2004 "Our Peculiar Institution" - M. J. Hesse "Slavery must be abolished" - Janet Morris <u>Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Abolitionist Movement</u> – Julie Carlson <u>Video:</u> <u>Uncle Tom's Cabin</u>
Technology Link	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum