

CIVIL WAR WEBQUEST

A. Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war> click on the “Civil War 150 Interactive” then click on “Who they were” and answer the following:

1. Describe the average soldier
2. How would you characterize the participation of African Americans in the war?
3. What role did immigrants play in the war? Theorize what effect this may have on those populations.
4. Summarize your impressions of the differences Union and Confederate soldiers must have experienced in fighting the war.

B. Go to “Weapons of War” and answer the following questions:

1. Summarize the impact on the war of each of the technologies profiled here.
2. What technological developments and advancements developed during the war?
3. What impact do you predict wartime advancements in technology might have following the war?

C. Go to “How they died” and answer the following questions:

1. What was the largest killer during the Civil War? Why do you think it was so deadly?
2. What wounds from battle were the most deadly? Why?
3. Look at the description of total losses in the center of the infographic. What can you project may be the impact of the loss of so many in the war on America?

D. Go to “Five Deadliest Battles” and answer the following questions:

1. Click on the pyramid for each battle and look at the statistics. Does there seem to be any correlation between troop losses and the eventual winner of the battle? Postulate possible reasons.
2. During what part of the war did the greatest losses of life occur? Why might that be?
3. What region of the country saw the bloodiest battles? Why?

E. Go to “Paying for the War” and answer the following questions:

1. Hover over the pie charts. In what ways did the two governments raise funds for the war?
2. What effect did the course of the war have on the value and purchasing power of Confederate money? How might this have impacted the war’s outcome?

F. Go to “West Point Warriors” and answer the following questions:

1. What role did the military academy play in the war?
2. Share the facts and connections you found most interesting.

G. Click the upward facing arrow at the bottom of the infographic just below the words “share infographic,” then click on “View their picks” to the right. Look at the different lists of “Top 5” topics compiled by different historians.

1. What similarities do you notice between lists?
2. Where does there seem to be the most disagreement?
3. How do you account for the differing expert opinions on the issues raised by the war?

H. Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/american-civil-war-history> view the video and answer the following questions:

1. List some of the words chosen by historians to exemplify the war. Explain why you agree or disagree with each.

I. Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/civil-war-culture> skip the video and scroll down to the text, read and answer the following questions:

1. What were some of the common diversions for soldiers in the many days between battles?
2. Summarize the cultural impact of newspapers and photography.

J. Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/women-in-the-civil-war> scroll down to the text, read and answer the following questions:

1. Explain the variety of ways women contributed to the Civil War.
2. Share what you believe were the most important contributions and explain why?
3. Theorize the possible effects on American culture that may develop as a result of women's role in the war.

K. Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/black-civil-war-soldiers> view the video then scroll down to read the text below and answer the following questions:

1. What did most whites in the north think about the possibility of African Americans serving in the military?
2. What evidence is there that African Americans desired to play a role in the war effort?
3. What role did the Massachusetts 54th Regiment and the battle for Ft. Wagner play in altering perceptions in the North?

L. Return to <http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war> and choose any five topics to explore and report on each in a brief paragraph.