

Civil War Essay

The Civil War was fought in the United States between the years 1861-1865. It was fought between the Northern states, which are known as the Union, and the southern states which were called the Confederacy. The Union, the Northern states, included Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, California, Nevada, and Oregon. The Confederacy, the southern states, included Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. The northern and southern states had many differences. These differences caused a war. The differences were political, social, and economic.

The Civil War started because of differences between the free and slave states over the power of the government to end slavery in the territories that had not become states yet. The North opposed slavery because of economic factors, racism, and the creation of a new American

ideology. The south wanted slaves because slave labor was the base of their economy. If they didn't have slave labor the cotton economy would collapse.

Without big farms to run, the people in the North did not rely on slave labor very much. In the South, the economy was based on agriculture. The laborers in the North could rely on manufacturing and industry jobs while the technology in the South increased the profits of large plantation owners and business owners. Government leaders throughout the south opposed tariffs that would increase the prices of manufactured goods.

In the North, society was much more urban and industrial while the majority of people were employed. In the South, most people made a living through agriculture farming. Also, they lived further apart than people in the congested cities of the North.

General Robert E. Lee surrendered, ending the war in Spring, 1865. All slaves in the Confederacy were freed.

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