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Guided Notes: The Civil War, 1861–1865

Summary: The American Civil War was, in many ways, the costliest conflict in U.S. history. Commitment was evident on both sides, but the Union had certain advantages, particularly in leadership and strategy after 1863, that led to victory. The Emancipation Proclamation marked a significant change in the war's purpose and strategy while also promising freedom to hundreds of thousands of enslaved Southerners.

Themes:	
NAT—American and National Identity	PCE—Politics and Power
WXT—Work, Exchange, and Technology	WOR—America in the World
GEO—Geography and the Environment	ARC—American and Regional Culture
MIG—Migration and Settlement	SOC—Social Structures

Instructions: Use the Guided Notes template below to keep track of the important terms, events, and people you read about. You should create a definition to help you remember and then a brief description of the significance of the term. Look to the themes to help you figure out why they are important.

Key Terms	Theme(s)	Definition/Explanation	Importance/Significance
Civil War technology			
Ironclads			

Civil War propaganda			
Anaconda Plan			
Army of the Potomac			
First Battle of Bull Run			
Second Battle of Bull Run			
Battle of Antietam			
Ulysses S. Grant			
“Contrabands”			
Radical Republicans			
Emancipation Proclamation			

Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Volunteers			
Second American Revolution			
Lincoln and nation-building			
Gettysburg Address			
<i>Ex parte Milligan</i>			
The Homestead Act			
Morrill Land Grant College Act			
Impact of land grants on American Indians			
Dakota War			
Sand Creek Massacre			

Navajo's Long Walk			
Battle of Chancellorsville			
Battle and Siege of Vicksburg			
Richmond-Petersburg Campaign			
Sherman's March to the Sea			
Appomattox			
Andersonville Prison			
Greenbacks			
Women's work during Civil War			
Sanitary Fairs			

Clara Barton			
Copperheads			
New York City Draft Riots (1863)			
"King Cotton diplomacy"			
"Twenty negro provision"			
"Impressment"			
Sea Islands experiment			
Gideon's Band			
Ten-Percent Plan of Reconstruction			
Wade-Davis Bill			
Thirteenth Amendment			

Mary Anne Bickerdyke			
Bread riots			