
Identify and give the historical significance of each of the following terms, events, and people in a paragraph or two.

1. King Cotton diplomacy  
2. Black soldiers  
3. Copperheads  
4. Homestead Act  
5. Gettysburg Address  
6. Transcontinental railroad  
7. Emancipation Proclamation  
8. First Bull Run  
9. New York draft riots  
10. Sea Island experiment  
11. Reconstruction plans  
12. Women and the Confederacy

Potential Essay Questions:

1. Using Lincoln’s speech at Sanitary Fair in 1864 (excerpted in “Voices of Freedom”), explain how Lincoln defined liberty. How does this speech reflect a change in his thinking from 1861? Why do you think Lincoln had to change his thinking in order to achieve victory in this war?

2. Blacks eagerly signed up for service in the army and navy after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. Describe the life of a black soldier. How did it differ from the experiences of black sailors? Overall, how important were black servicemen in the outcome of the war? Finally, discuss what fighting in the war meant to these men.

3. What was the basic premise of the Confederate government? What advantages did the Confederacy have, and why did its leaders think victory would be theirs?

4. What did the Union soldiers believe they were fighting for? What did the Confederate soldiers believe they were fighting for?