

THE CIVIL WAR ARMIES

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The Confederate Army wore the gray uniforms and carried a red flag with a blue X. Inside the X were thirteen stars. Eleven stars represented the eleven states that had rebelled against the United States and two other states represented Missouri and Kentucky who sent people to fight in the war.

The Union Army was led by the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. There were two general commanders over the course of the war. The first one was George McClellan who was not a very strong military leader. He was often scared, thinking he was outnumbered in battle though this was rarely the case. George McClellan was replaced by the primary leader, Ulysses S. Grant.

The Union Army was fighting for two reasons. The first reason was that they did not believe that states had the right to separate from the country and they were fighting to keep the country together. The second reason that they were fighting is that many people did not believe in slavery. There were several abolitionists in the north. Abolitionist were people who were fighting for the freedom of enslaved persons.

The Union Army was larger than the Confederate Army. There were 20 states in the Union Army.

The Union Army wore blue uniforms and carried the United States flag. Though the flag had less stars than it does today because there were less states in the United States than there are now.

WORDS TO KNOW

Abolitionist – person against slavery
Commanders – people in charge
Rebelle – rise in opposition

SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

? Something you have a question about

! Something that surprised you

♥ Your favorite fact

COLOR

YELLOW 

What was George McClellan replaced?

RED 

What are two reasons you did not fight for?

BLUE 

What did the Confederate uniforms look like?

BATTLE OF FORT SUMTER

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

At the Battle of Fort Sumter, who led the Union Army?

Hayes

Anderson

Buchanan

What year was the Battle of Fort Sumter?

1860

1861

1862

How many people died in the Battle of Fort Sumter?

0

13

2,349

TRUE OR FALSE

President Lincoln called for a small group of soldiers to fight against the Union Army.

TRUE

FALSE

Fort Sumter was a fortified island.

TRUE

FALSE

IN THE BLANK

After many hours of attack Anderson realized that this battle was _____.

Virginia could not decide and the _____ part of the state separated from Virginia and formed _____ Virginia.

WORD SEARCH

M N K Z V R R D A J R T K S N E U J H L I N C O L N
S K V C T V G A V T R O I K P A C E B I R G I N I A
U B N Q Z J C Y T B L H S F W L R O M S U M T E R
M R L N W Q K F C X D O L K F M M O S A N D E R S O N
T W O F U N I O N Q N X A Y S L I T H S U N I O N
E H C B A T T L E U O E N B Q N E N A N D E R S O N
R A N D E R S O N P T N D W V L S D A N D E R S O N
U V I C N Z M J Q K L Z N P I T Y B A N D E R S O N
B M L U L Y V I R G I N I A Q Z X Y R T S O U T H
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BATTLE OF SHILOH

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

When was the Battle of Shiloh?

1862

1863

1864

Where was the Battle of Shiloh?

Tennessee

Virginia

New York

The Battle of Shiloh took place on the _____ theater.

Northern

Eastern

Western

TRUE OR FALSE

The western theater was the land west of the Rocky Mountains and east of the Colorado River.

TRUE

FALSE

More people died in Shiloh than any other battle up to that time.

TRUE

FALSE

NAME IN THE BLANK

Before the battle, Union Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Don Carlos Buell had captured two forts in _____.

The Union and Confederate armies combined lost _____ men.

WORD SEARCH

Q R Q D M C G D Z W P V U S I L H Z BATTLE
P Y N B U I F M M F G R E J I F D S H G SHILOH
V E V Z Y D V D C U J D P I J X S N DEFEAT
P U P T E C Y V K E N T U C K Y C W A GRANT
M N I H T T U S K I R S G V O Q E KENTUCKY
N I G E N E R A L T R O O P S R Z TROOPS
P O K A W H R U P T B A T T L E E Y F TROOPS
T E V T S N D K Y A B D X O D E F E GENERAL
B Y T E W V M I Z J E T E N N E S S E E THEATER
R T I R E W Q G R P U M J C E N T T A K TROOPS