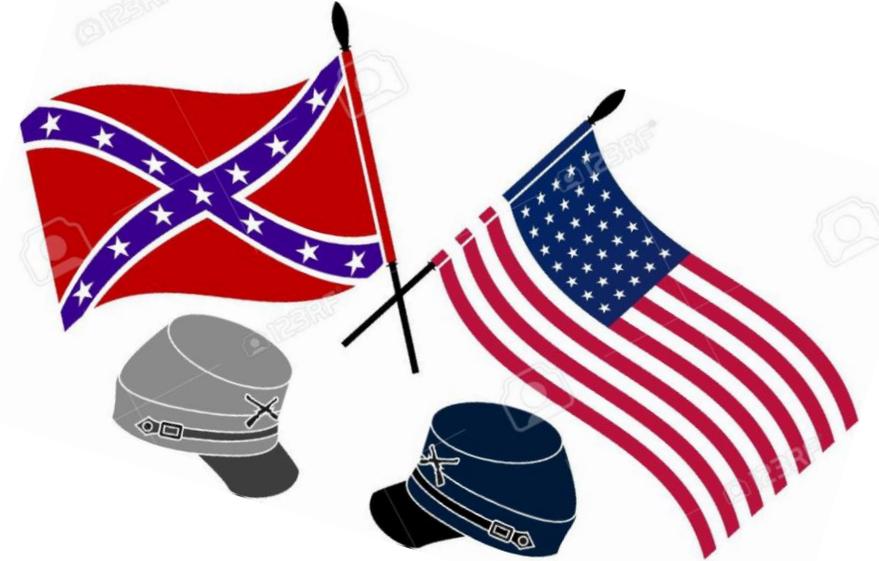


Causes of the American Civil War –

From April 1861 - April 1865 the United States was locked in a brutal Civil War. It was fought between the armies of the Northern and Southern States. Over 750,000 Americans, soldiers and civilians lost their lives. It was a hugely destructive struggle.

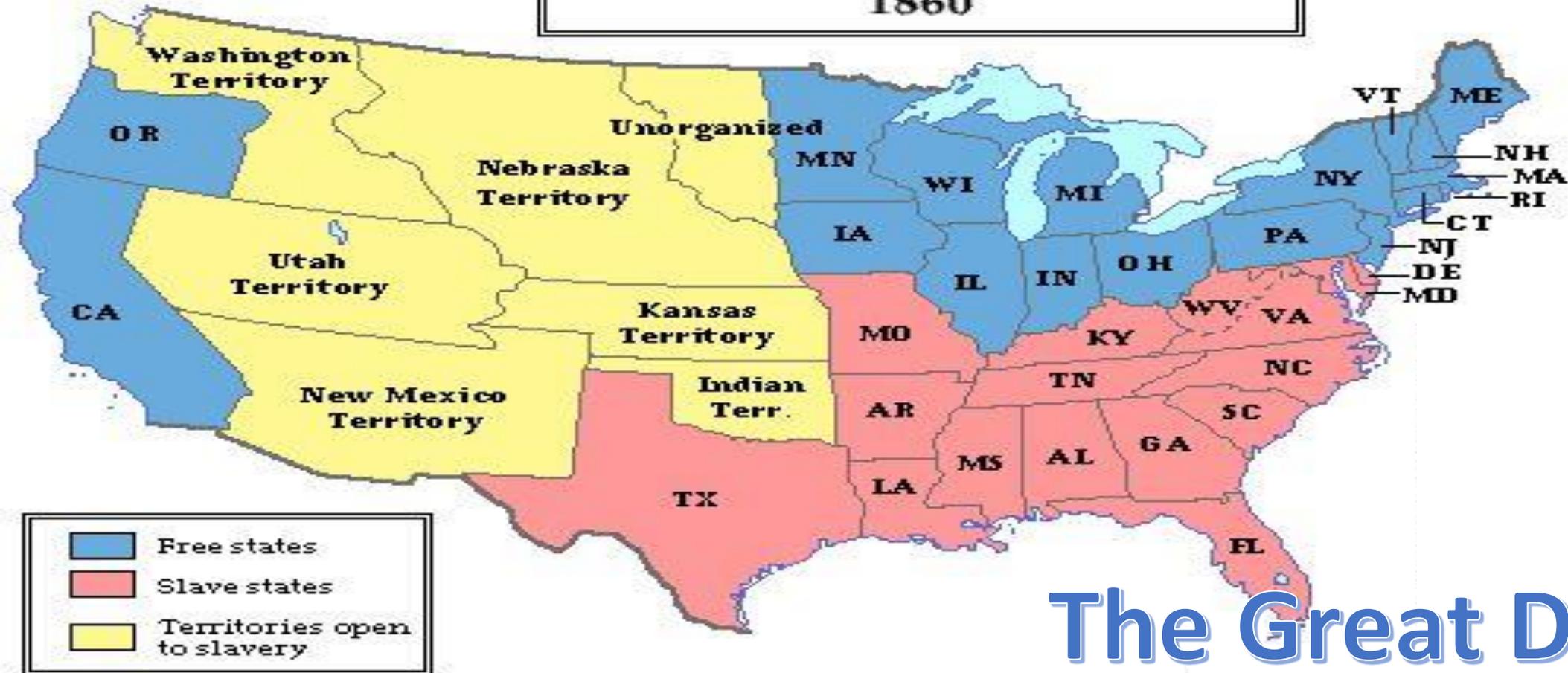
Objectives

- To find out how America was divided in the Civil War - today
- To understand the causes of the American Civil War – next week
- To assess the claim that the civil war was fought over slavery – next week



United States

1860



The Great Divide

AL	Alabama	IL	Illinois	MA	Massachusetts	NY	New York	TN	Tennessee
AR	Arkansas	IN	Indiana	MI	Michigan	NC	North Carolina	TX	Texas
CA	California	IA	Iowa	MN	Minnesota	OH	Ohio	VT	Vermont
CT	Connecticut	KY	Kentucky	MS	Mississippi	OR	Oregon	VA	Virginia
DE	Delaware	LA	Louisiana	MO	Missouri	PA	Pennsylvania	WV	West Virginia
FL	Florida	ME	Maine	NH	New Hampshire	RI	Rhode Island	WI	Wisconsin
GA	Georgia	MD	Maryland	NJ	New Jersey	SC	South Carolina		

United States 1860



The conflict began shortly after 7 slave holding states, led by SOUTH CAROLINA seceded which means removed themselves from the Union of the United States.

Others joined them and together they formed the CONFEDERACY.

The CONFEDERACY is marked in pink and the northern states who were FOR the UNION are in blue

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RESEARCH TASK:

Your first task is to research and answer the questions on the following slide:

I have added a few useful links to help you:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War

<https://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/uscivilwar/origins/origins.html>

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/10-facts-what-everyone-should-know-about-civil-war>

What is the side that wants to REMAIN part of the United States called?

Do they agree or disagree with slavery?

Why do you think they are going to war?



What is the side that wants to LEAVE the United States called?

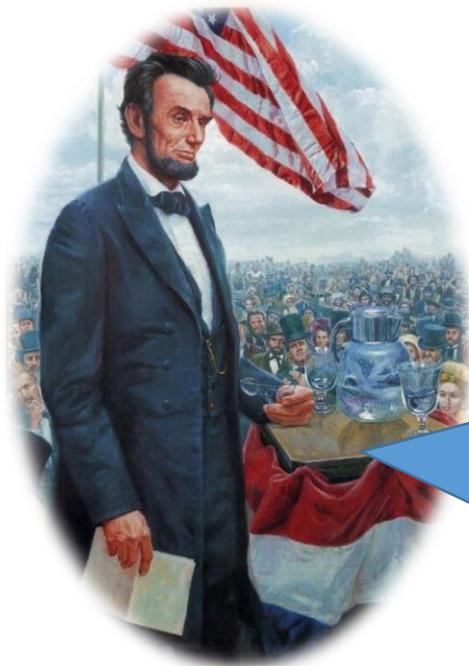
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2 sides go to war

Title: What are the causes of the American Civil war?

Lesson Objectives: To decide if the abolition of slavery really was the issue behind the Civil War?



This is **Abraham Lincoln** the American President of the United States during the Civil War - he is a very famous president as he will later be assassinated, and among other things sets up the CIA and is nicknamed 'Honest Abe'

Abe claims that the Civil war began because the power of the slave holders had been growing too rapidly and needed to be stopped.

Is this true? The South argued that the Civil war happened for different reasons.. What can they be?

Your Challenges

1. Watch the short documentaries on the links below:

As you watch them consider was slavery really the main issue or were there other underlying issues?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/andrew-marr-history-world-american-civil-war/zv9d2sg>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQQJDR_rX30

Write a short paragraph for each of the interpretations on the causes of the civil war. Then explain what you believe was the main issue that led to the American Civil War.

The 1 markers

1. Name one of the Confederate states of America.
2. Name one of the states in the Union
3. Name one abolitionist 1831-1851
4. Name one difference between the northern and Southern states.
5. Name the president of America in 1861.
6. Name the Act which deepened the conflict between the north and the South.
7. Name the state which first seceded the union in 1860.
8. Name the book which exposed the horrors of slavery.

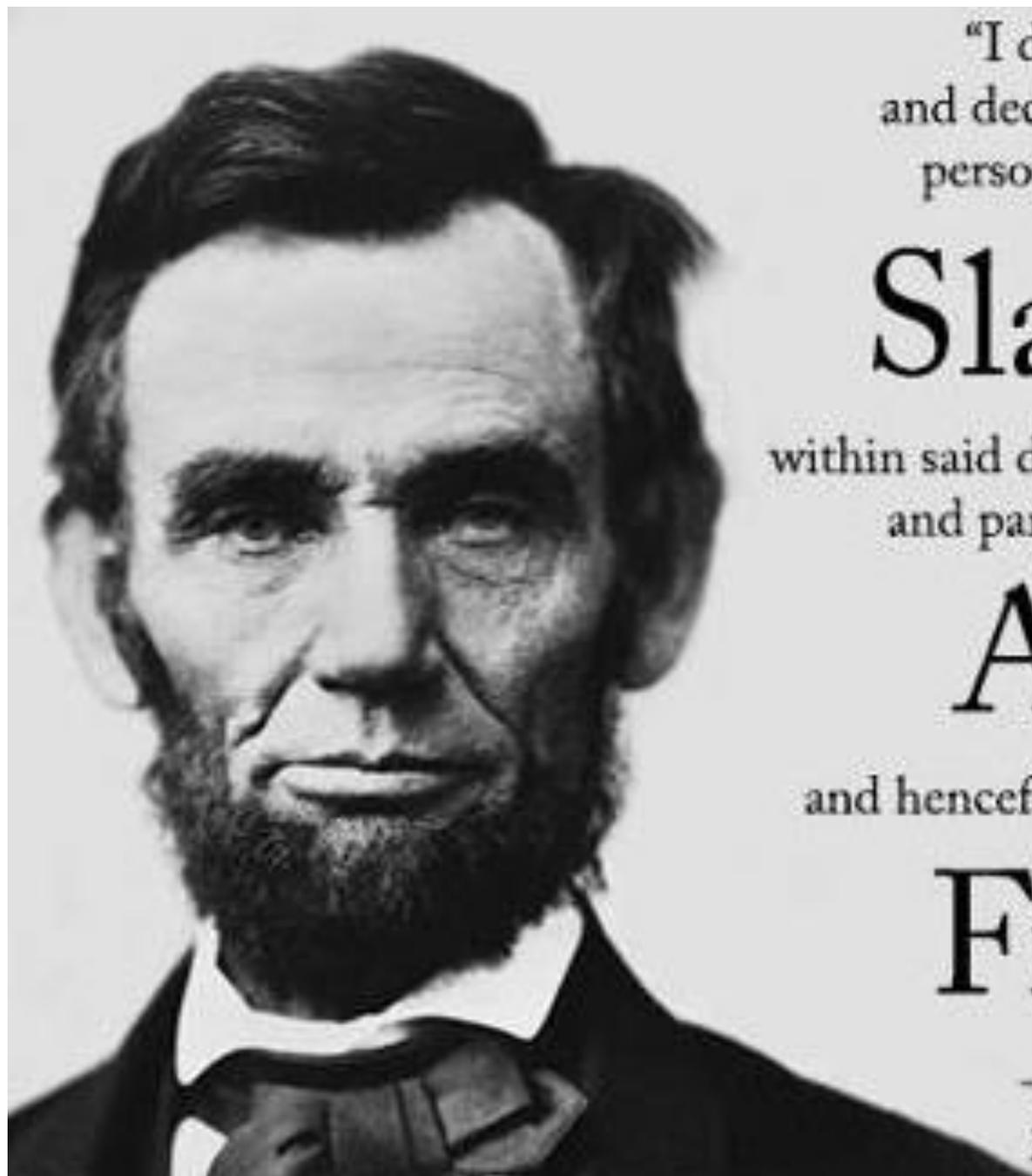
The causes of the American Civil War

The American Civil War was caused by the South's issues with Northern power rather than slavery. This issue was really about where power lay – with the states or the federal government. As the USA expanded, power shifted between the ideas of the North and ideas of the South. Each new state added to the union became a battleground.

Disagree

Agree





"I do order
and declare that all
persons held as

Slaves

within said designated States,
and parts of States,

Are

and henceforward shall be

Free.

- President Lincoln,
22 September 1862