

Civil War Facts

As we all know, the Civil War and events surrounding the war were a dark point in our nation's history. This very brief list of facts about the war is not meant to negate the seriousness of the war. This summary is just a way to briefly introduce you to events, items, situations and people who many historians agree were important during this time in the history of the United States of America.

Many historians agree that the event that set events into motion that led directly to the Civil War was the raiding of Harper's Ferry by John Brown in 1859.

Read more about this event at:

<http://www.wvculture.org/History/jnobrown.html>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p2940.html>

<http://www.blackpast.org/?q=aah/harpers-ferry-raid-1859>

Three of the most prominent factors leading to the Civil War were:

1. Slavery
2. Western Expansion
3. States Rights

Read more at:

<http://jc-schools.net/write/civil-war.htm>

http://americanhistory.about.com/od/civilwarmenu/a/cause_civil_war.htm

<http://www.greatamericanhistory.net/causes.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/gett/gettKidz/cause.htm>

The first state to secede from the union was South Carolina which was soon followed by Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. Then, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina also seceded.

Read more at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/tl1861.html>

<http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/secession.htm>

Approximately 620,000 Americans died in the US Civil War.

Find out more about the casualties at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/casualties.htm>

<http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civil-war-medicine.htm>

Jefferson Davis was the President of the Confederate States of America.

Read more about Davis' leadership and life at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/jdavisbio.htm>

<http://americancivilwar.com/south/jeffdavi.html>

William Sherman, Joseph Hooker and George Meade were all Union Generals.

Read more about these men at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/shermangeorgia.htm>

http://ngeorgia.com/ang/William_Tecumseh_Sherman

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/hookbio.htm>

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/hookbio.htm>

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/meadebio.htm>

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USACWmeade.htm>

The need for industry workers in the North DID NOT play a roll in Lincoln's issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Lincoln A) Did not want Britain to officially recognize the Confederacy as a new nation, B) Was receiving pressure from anti-slavery groups and C) Was having a dreadful time with military operations in the North. He believed that issuing the Emancipation Proclamation would help somewhat with each of these issues.

The 10% Plan was a proposal that offered lenient terms of pardon/amnesty to Confederates who swore allegiance to the United States.

Read more about this plan to help with Reconstruction at:

<http://www.sparknotes.com/history/american/reconstruction/section1.html>

<http://www.icsd.k12.ny.us/legacy/highschool/pjordan/ushonors/Regents%20Review/Manifest%20Destiny%20to%20Reconstruct/reconstruction.html>

During the American Civil War in December 1863, Abraham Lincoln offered a model for reinstatement of Southern states called the 10 percent Reconstruction plan. It decreed that a state could be reintegrated into the Union when 10 percent of voters (as counted in the presidential election of 1860) had taken an oath of allegiance to the U.S. and pledged to abide by emancipation. The next step in the process would be for the states to formally elect a state government. Also, a state legislature could write a new constitution, but it had to abolish slavery forever. At that time, Lincoln would recognize the reconstructed government. By 1864, Louisiana and Arkansas had

established fully functioning Unionist governments.

This policy was meant to shorten the war by offering a moderate peace plan. It was also intended to further his emancipation policy by insisting that the new governments abolish slavery.

The Battle of Shiloh was considered the bloodiest battle of the Civil War.

Read more about this horrendous battle at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/shiloh.htm>

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/shiloh.htm>

<http://americancivilwar.com/statepic/tn/tn003.html>

The Battle of Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War

Find out more at:

<http://americancivilwar.com/getty.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/gett/getttour/main-ms.htm>

During the Civil War, approximately one-third (1/3) of the population of the Confederate States were slaves.

Find out more about slavery in the U.S. during Civil War times at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/slavery.htm>

<http://www.civil-war.net/>

<http://www.infoplease.com/timelines/slavery.html>

The Confederates introduced railroad guns into use during the Civil War.

More about railroad guns can be found at:

<http://www.historynet.com/when-railroad-guns-ruled.htm>