

THE STUDENT'S  
**CIVIL WAR**  
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# WHAT



United we stand!

by Carole Marsh

Southerners were polite in calling slavery a "necessary evil." I call slavery a "positive good." I stand by what I said in Congress—slavery is good for blacks!—**John C. Calhoun**, South Carolina senator, 1837

Boo!  
Boo!

I was born a slave. I worked long and hard for my master bidding in a small space in my grandmother's attic for seven years. I'm trying to get to the North and gain my freedom. I finally have tonight. A boat is going to take me there **Harriet Jacobs**, North Carolina

*How Come?*  
 When I was born I was black.  
 When I grew up I was black.  
 When I'm sick I'm black.  
 When I go out into the sun I'm black.  
 When I die I'll be black.  
 But you:  
 When you were born you were pink.  
 When you grow up you are white.  
 When you get sick you are green.  
 When you go out in the sun you are red.  
 When you go out in the cold you are blue.  
 When you die you turn purple.  
 And you call me colored?

**\$50 Reward!**  
 Ranaway from the Subscriber, living in the county of Edgecombe, NC, about eight miles north of Tarborough, on the 24th of August last, a negro fellow named Washington, about 24 years of age, 5 feet and 8 or 10 inches high, dark complexion, stout built, and an excellent field hand, no particular marks about him recollected.

sesquicentennial: (noun) [ses-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl] a 150th anniversary or its celebration

Maybe he's on the railroad?

**Runaways Held in the New Bern, NC, Jail**  
 Two New Negro Men, the one named Joe, about 45 years of age...much wrinkled in the face, and speaks bad English. The

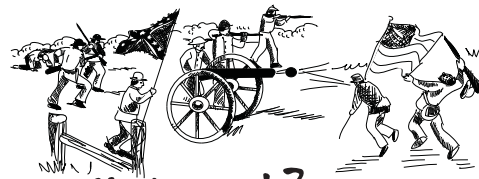
other is a young fellow...speaks better English than Joe, whom he says is his father, has a large scar on the fleshy part of his left arm.... They have nothing with them but an old Negro cloth jacket and an old blue sailor's jacket without sleeves. Also...a Negro named Jack, about 23 years of age...of a thin visage, beary-eyed...has six rings of his country marks around his neck, his ears are full of holes.

I was born on a plantation near Fayetteville, North Carolina, and I belonged to J.B. Smith. He owned about 30 slaves. When a slave was no good, he was put on the auction block in Fayetteville and sold.  
 —**Sarah Louise Augustus**



What man can make, man can unmake.—**Frederick Douglass**, abolitionist

# WHAT



## Was America's Civil War Really All About?



Good question!  
What is war all about?  
An old song says, "Absolutely nothing!"



Many historians say that from 1861-1865, Americans fought a war on their own soil, fighting citizen against citizen (and often, brother against brother) because of:

- Slavery
- States' rights



That's true, but let's add to this list.  
The "Civil" War was fought because:

In 1861, America was less than 100 years old, and we were still learning how to get along with each other.



The U.S. Constitution and all the great things our forefathers said were still new and open to interpretation. Americans had just gotten out from under overpowering British rule and many wanted their state to have the final say in things, not the federal government.

Southerners had imported slaves starting in 1619, and felt that their plantation way of life had helped America grow, and that they could not survive without the help of slave labor.

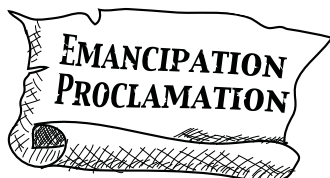
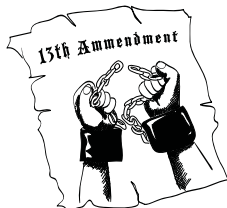
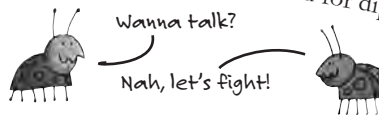


A lot of Americans were still, uh, pretty rough around the edges. Woodsmen. Frontiersmen. They were always ready for a good fight!

We were pretty opinionated and thought (whichever side we were on) OUR WAY was the right way. Most folks weren't much in the mood for diplomacy or compromise.

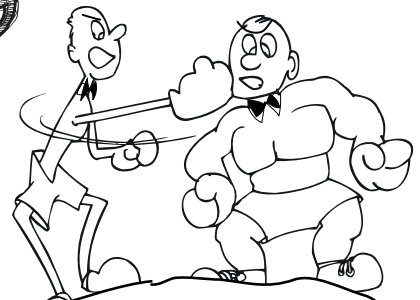


Northerners thought slavery was wrong and should be abolished. So did some Southerners!



And you know, today, Americans are still growing and learning...and arguing, and that is healthy and good. Fighting to the death, uh, not so much.

# Them's FIGHTIN' WORDS!



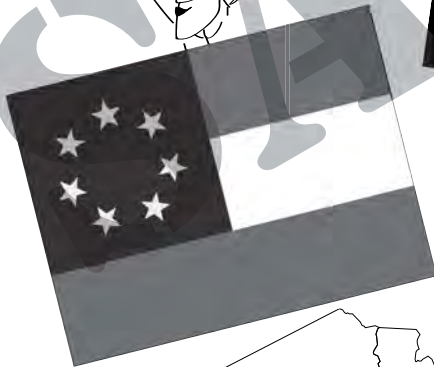
Ok, we can't talk about the Civil War without havin' some words so we are speakin' the same language. Here they are:



*Antebellum:* The years 1820-1860 "before" the "war"  
*Civil War:* citizens fighting citizens in the same country  
*The North:* the northern part of the United States; generally opposed to slavery  
*Yankees:* Southern term for people in those Northern states  
*The Union:* term for the states that did not leave the United States



*The South:* the southern part of the United States; generally agricultural and pro-slavery  
*The Confederacy:* the name for the states that seceded (pulled out) from the Union  
*Rebs or Rebels:* nickname for Confederate soldiers



*Mason-Dixon Line:* imaginary line (between Maryland and Pennsylvania) that separated free states and slave states  
*abolitionist:* person opposed to slavery  
*emancipation:* the freeing of slaves  
*secession:* to leave the Union of "United States" in order to form a new government; this was illegal  
*Reconstruction:* the years after the Civil War when the states reunited, rebuilt, and recovered

It was hard work!

VERY!



**Nathan Bedford Forrest**  
 A military genius! 5x 🐎



Confederate


**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆  
 For that weird 'do!

**Super Skills:** !!!!!  
 For using non-traditional combat against the Union

**Savvy:** A+      **Wealth:** \$\$\$\$\$\$  
 A great general with no formal training!      He paid for military supplies himself!

**Attack Points:** 🗡️🗡️🗡️🗡️  
 For getting there first with the most men!

**Joseph E. Johnston**  
 Did he lack the will to win? 1x 🐎



Confederate

**Injuries:** ++++  
 Was replaced by Robert E. Lee after an injury in battle

**Likeability:** C+  
 Had conflict with Jefferson Davis

**Special Effects:** ⚡⚡⚡⚡  
 Slowed Sherman's Army from reaching Atlanta

**Legendary Legacy:** 🐎🐎🐎🐎  
 Some said he was a better general than Robert E. Lee!

**Ambrose Burnside**  
 West Point grad! 1.5x 🐎



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** -☆  
 For those ugly sideburns!

**Noteable Negatives:** 🗡️🗡️🗡️  
 Failed commander of the Army of the Potomac

**Serious Smarts:** 🧠🧠🧠🧠  
 For trying to admit his inexperience to the U.S. government

**Fated Follies:** C-  
 Put on leave from Union Army and never called back to serve

**William T. Sherman**  
 For burning Atlanta! 6x 🐎



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆  
 Too intimidating!

**Attack Points:** 🗡️🗡️🗡️🗡️  
 For conquering Atlanta and the March to the Sea

**Cruel Intentions:** ☹️☹️☹️☹️  
 For plundering innocent Confederate property

**Legendary Legacy:** 🐎  
 Remembered in the South as a cruel Union general

**George McClellan**  
 Hated to fight! -10x 🐎



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆☆  
 Out of date mustache

**Fear Factor:** 🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎  
 He was sort of cowardly!

**Attack Points:** ⚡  
 For skittish fighting with the Army of the Potomac

**Post War Stats:** F-  
 Remembered as an unsuccessful general and presidential candidate

**John Lincoln "Johnny" Clem**  
 Drummer boy! 6x 🎵



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆☆☆  
 For cuteness

**Bravery:** A++  
 For being a 9-year-old soldier!

**Special Effects:** ⚡⚡⚡  
 For playing a mean drum!

**Luck:** High      **Post War Stats:** A  
 For surviving multiple bullet shots      Became a major general in the army

**Traveller the Horse**  
 He carried Robert E. Lee, the South's greatest general! 5x 🐎




Confederate

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆☆☆  
 A noble steed

**Star Power:** ☆☆☆☆☆  
 Most famous horse of the Civil War

**Legendary Legacy:** 🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎  
 He now rests next to Robert E. Lee at Washington and Lee University

**Frederick Douglass**  
 Recruited black soldiers for the North 4x 🐎



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆  
 That bowtie rocks!

**Bravery:** A+  
 For escaping from slavery!

**Serious Smarts:** 🧠🧠🧠🧠  
 For educating himself!

**Legendary Legacy:** 🐎🐎🐎🐎  
 For being a leader in African American civil rights!

**Harriet Tubman**  
 Led hundreds of slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad 5x 🐎



Union

**Fashionista Rating:** ☆☆☆  
 For not smiling

**Positives:** ✓✓✓✓✓  
 In the abolitionist movement

**Stealth:** A+  
 For smuggling slaves to freedom, and never getting caught!

**Legendary Legacy:** 🐎🐎🐎🐎  
 For being a leader in civil rights and women's rights