Civil War and Reconstruction

Study Guide

1. Prior to the Civil War, the southern economy was based almost entirely on what product?
2. According to American historians, what was the “peculiar institution”?
3. The Northern economy was dependent on agriculture, but transitioning to an economy based on what?
4. What caused the territory of California to seek statehood before Congress thought they would?
5. Who was the main architect of the Compromise of 1850?
6. According to the Compromise of 1850, California would become a state, but the North would be forced to accept what demand?
7. Runaway slaves took a route to the north that was referred to as the …
8. Runaway slaves were led to freedom by people who were known as what?
9. Who was the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad?
10. **Uncle Tom’s Cabin** angered many Northerners about the ill treatment of slaves. Who wrote it?
11. The Kansas-Nebraska Act opened Kansas up as a possible slave state. It was going to be left up to the people of that territory to decide. What is it called when the people make the choice?
12. Free-Soilers formed a political party in which they thought all new territories must become…
13. What new political party emerged in 1854 in the North?
14. According to the Dred Scott opinion, why was a slave not allowed his freedom in the North?
15. Who defeated Lincoln in the Illinois Senate race in 1858?
16. What became the most significant long-term impact of the 1858 Illinois Senate race?
17. Name the abolitionist who tried to take the federal arsenal at Harper’s Ferry.
18. Why did Lincoln have the political advantage against the Dems in the election of 1860?
19. Which was the first southern state to secede from the Union?
20. At the beginning of the war, what was Lincoln’s main objective?
21. The first shots of the Civil War were actually fired at what battle (no deaths)?
22. What are at least two advantages the North had in the Civil War?
23. What are at least two advantages the South had in the Civil War?
24. The first deadly battle of the Civil War was fought at Manassas or the Battle of …?
25. At the Battle of Bull Run, which southern general gained a reputation of being steadfast?
26. The deadliest single day of the Civil War was a battle fought at which Maryland site?
27. Why was Lincoln so frustrated with the Union generals from 1861-63?
28. The Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in what region?
29. What is conscription? Which side used it?
30. What was the main cause of most deaths in the Civil War?
31. Who was Clara Barton and what was her contribution to the modern world?
32. What was the Northern-most battle fought in the Civil War?
33. What was the deadliest battle of the Civil War?
34. Who was the commander of Confederate forces during the entire Civil War?
35. The famous speech delivered by President Lincoln in November of 1863 was called the…
36. The first major victory for Grant in the West was at what battle? (It cut the Confederacy in half).
37. The Union March to the Sea was led by which Union General?
38. What was the purpose of the March to the Sea?
39. Who did Lincoln defeat in the Election of 1864?
40. At which town did the Confederacy surrender to the Union in 1865?
41. Approximately how many Americans died in the Civil War?
42. What did the 13th amendment do?
43. What did the 14th amendment do?
44. What did the 15th amendment do?
45. When and where was Lincoln assassinated? By whom?
46. The plan to bring the South back into the Union to restore our nation was called…
47. What was Lincoln’s plan to reconstruct before he was killed?
48. Who became President after Lincoln’s death?
49. What were at least two pieces of legislation passed by Congress to help Freedmen during Reconstruction?
50. How did Radical Republicans plan to force southerners to allow Blacks their freedom?
51. What did Congress do when Johnson attempted to fire Secretary Stanton?
52. Who was elected President in 1868?
53. What was the name for white southerners who supported Reconstruction?
54. Who was the first African-American elected to the U.S. Senate?
55. How did many former slaves earn a living without owning land?
56. Name the racist organization that formed in the South after the Civil War?
57. Reconstruction officially ended when Hayes was elected President and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was removed from the South.