

Civil War Foldable Poster

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Determining Key Information

The Civil War is a HUGE topic! You could easily write a 400-page paper.

Instead, we are asking you to decide what is MOST IMPORTANT to know about the Civil War.

If you can only create one poster, what information will you choose?

Materials



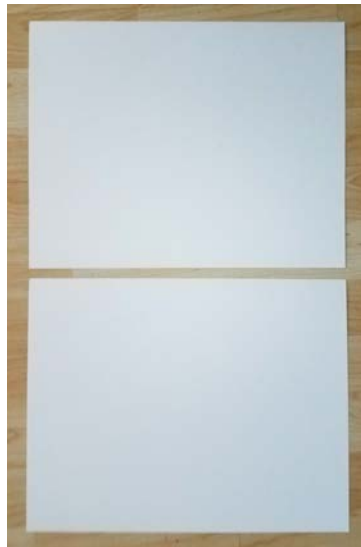
You will need:

Two pieces of paper

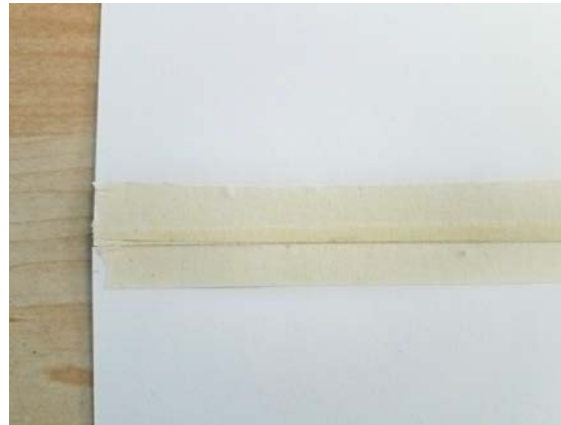
Tape (any kind)

Markers, pencils or crayons

Folding Directions

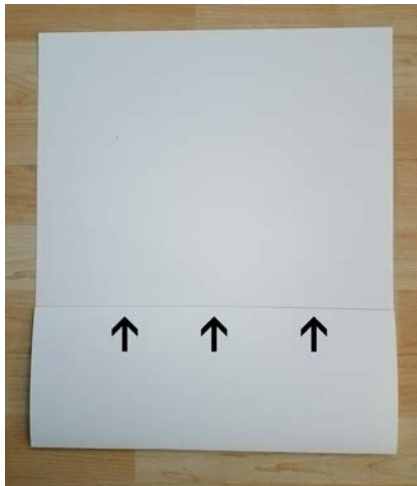


1. Lay two pieces of paper flat.

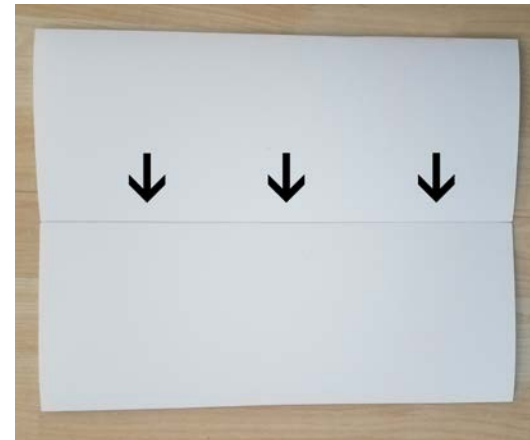


2. Tape them together and flip over so that tape is on the back.

Folding Continuation

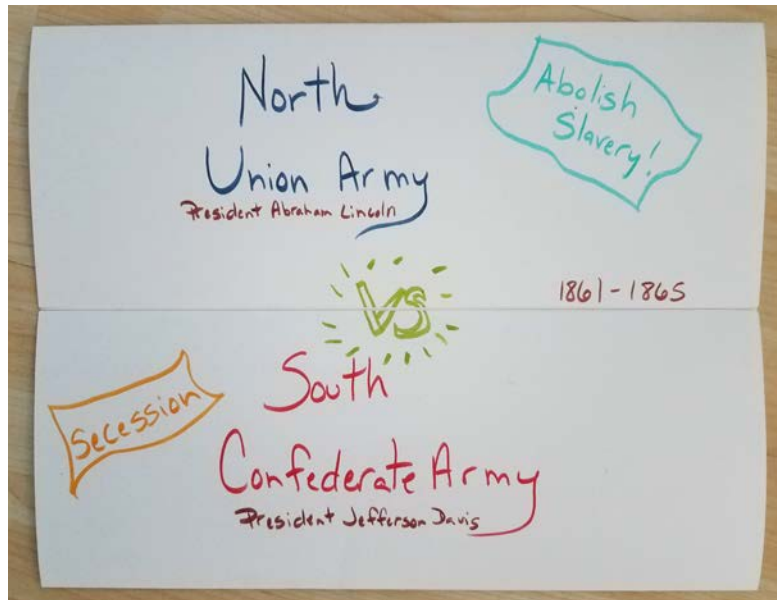


3. Fold the bottom to the middle (where the tape line lies on the other side).



4. Fold the top of the center so both ends meet in the middle.

Big Picture



On the folded paper, create the big picture ideas. This can include:

- Names of the North and South armies
- Dates of the war
- North and South presidents
- Main reason(s) each side was fighting for *

* For the North, I selected “abolish slavery” as the most important cause. For the South, I selected “secession” since the South wanted to be separate and self-governing.

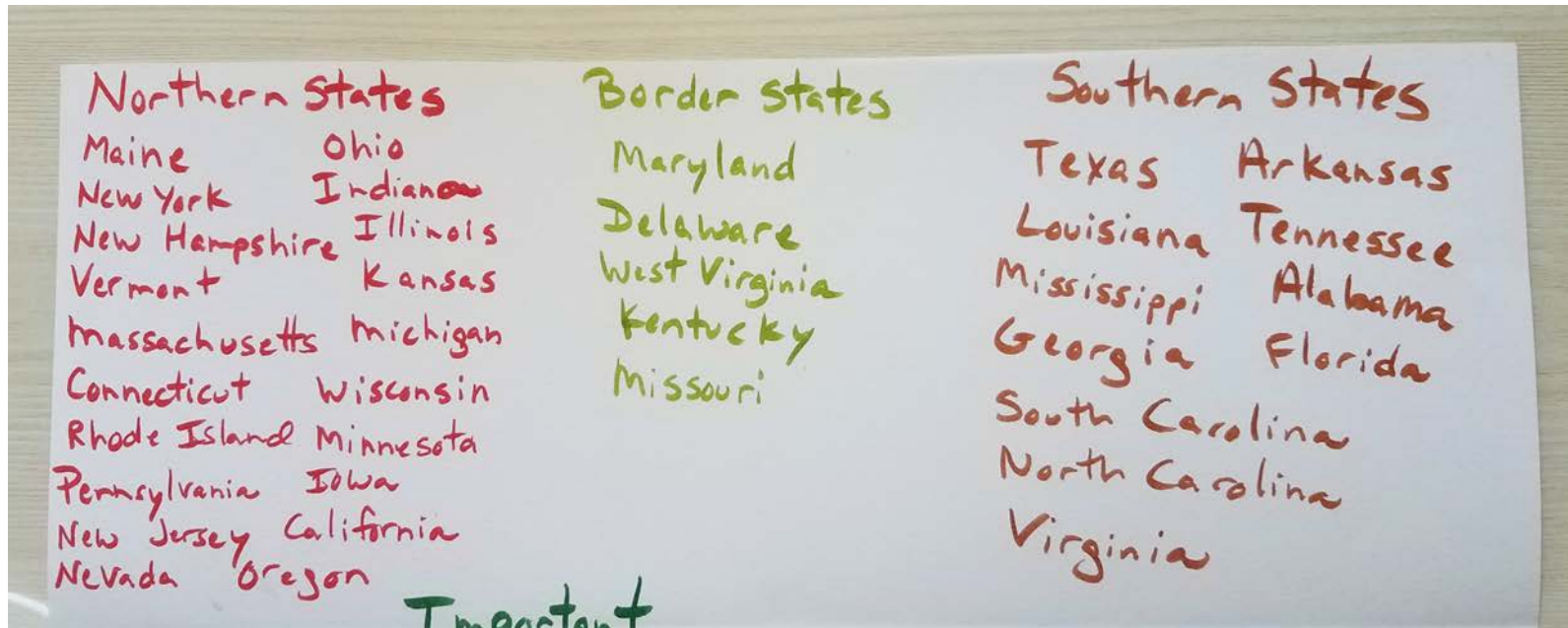
Choose Your Topics

I chose:

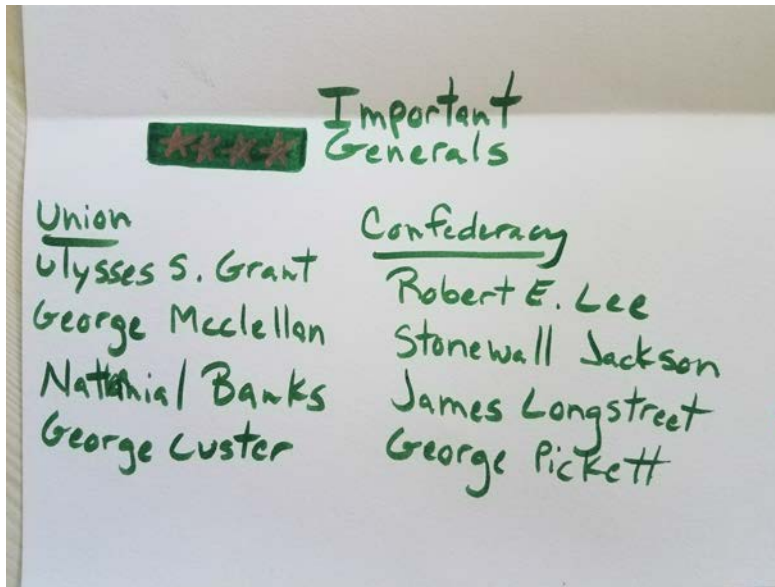
- States
- Important generals
- Populations
- Agriculture
- Important battles
- Troops
- Casualties

You can use these or choose your own. Just make sure that you know WHY your topic is important.

States: Who was involved in the Civil War and on which side?



Important Generals



The Union Army had 583 army generals and the Confederate Army had 425. Since we can't study them all, select three to five generals from each side who played a KEY ROLE in the war. In other words, whose actions DIRECTLY affected the outcome of the war?

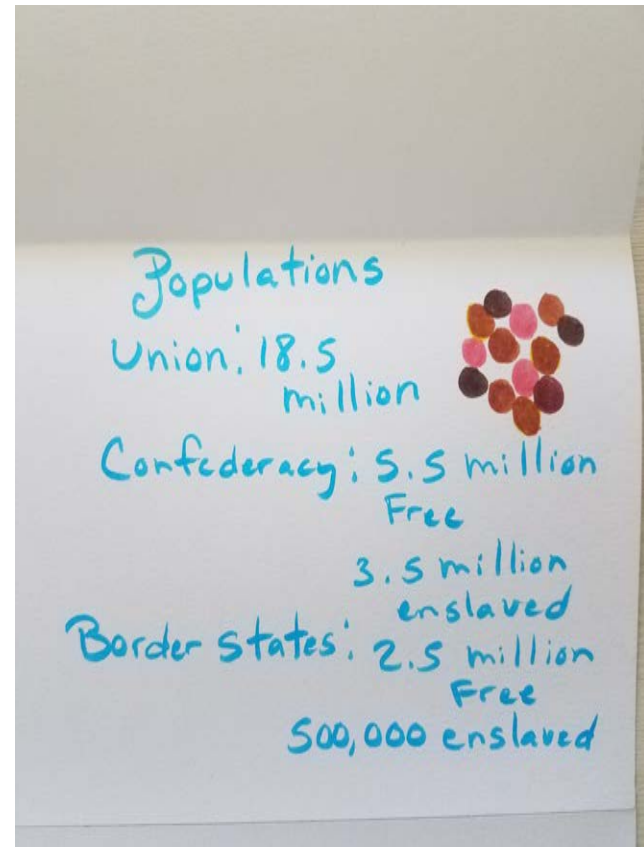
Draw a symbol. *I chose a four-star patch.*

Populations

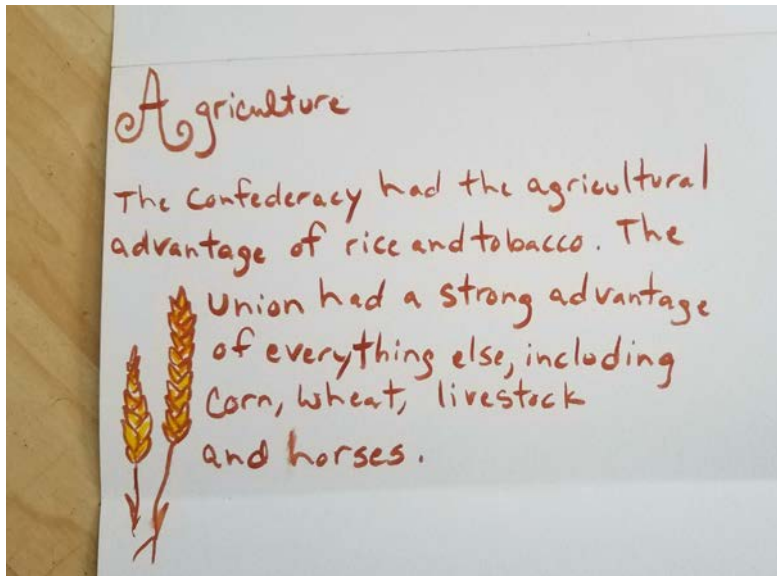
I chose this detail to demonstrate just how massive this war was.

You may include whatever details you find relevant. You could even write about the types of jobs people had during the war.

Draw a symbol. *I chose different colors of faces to represent all the people, both free and enslaved, who fought.*



Agriculture



I chose agriculture because resources have a huge impact on how wars are fought and won.

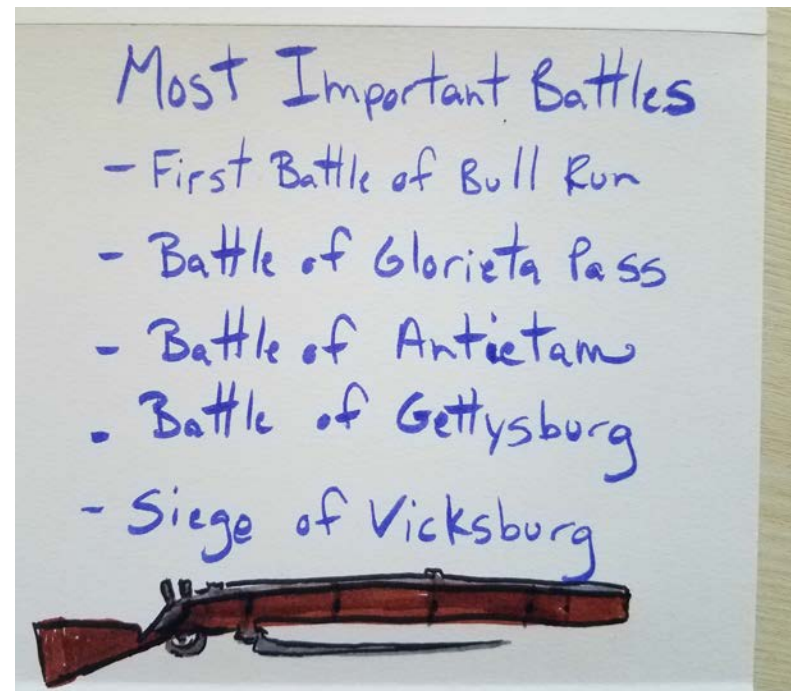
What else might affect how a war is fought or the outcome?

Important Battles

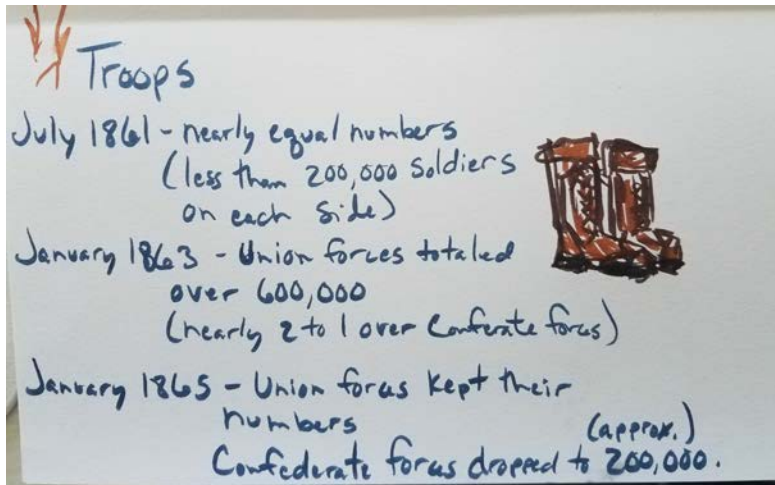
There were approximately 10,500 battles in the Civil War!

Nearly 100 of those are considered significant by historians and half of those are viewed as majorly important battles. Since we can't study them all, select three to seven battles that you think played a KEY ROLE in the war. In other words, which battles DIRECTLY affected the outcome of the war?

Draw a symbol. *I chose a musket.*



Troops



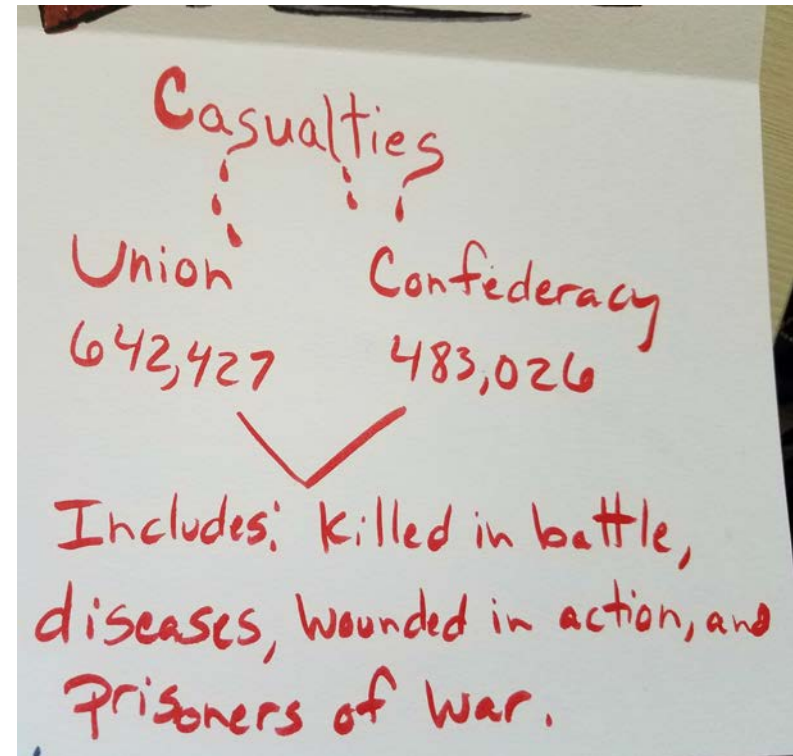
You can write about troops or something else. You could even write about the types of jobs people had during the war.

Draw a symbol. *I chose soldiers' boots to show how many soldiers fought in the Civil War.*

Casualties

So many people died in the Civil War. I felt it was important to show the numbers on both sides. I also made sure to describe how many of these casualties happened.

Create a symbol. *I decided to make the word "Casualties" bleed to show how serious the topic is.*



Completed Poster

Take a moment to review and admire your Foldable Civil War Poster.

Do you remember why you selected each topic?

Are there any topics you wish you had included? What topics and why?

What other giant topics can be made into a manageable poster of information?

Northern States
Maine Ohio
New York Indiana
New Hampshire Illinois
Vermont Kansas
Massachusetts Michigan
Connecticut Wisconsin
Rhode Island Minnesota
Pennsylvania Iowa
New Jersey California
Nevada Oregon


Border states
Maryland
Delaware
West Virginia
Kentucky
Missouri

Southern States
Texas Arkansas
Louisiana Tennessee
Mississippi Alabama
Georgia Florida
South Carolina
North Carolina
Virginia

Important Generals

Union	Confederacy
Ulysses S. Grant	Robert E. Lee
George McClellan	Stonewall Jackson
Nathaniel Banks	James Longstreet
George Custer	George Pickett

Populations

Union: 18.5 million	
Confederacy: 5.5 million	
Free 3.5 million enslaved	
Border states: 2.5 million	Free 500,000 enslaved

Agriculture

The Confederacy had the agricultural advantage of rice and tobacco. The Union had a strong advantage of everything else, including corn, wheat, livestock and horses.

Troops

July 1861 - nearly equal numbers (less than 200,000 soldiers on each side)

January 1863 - Union forces totaled over 600,000 (nearly 2 to 1 over Confederate forces)

January 1865 - Union forces kept their numbers (approx.) Confederate forces dropped to 200,000.

Most Important Battles

- First Battle of Bull Run
- Battle of Glorietta Pass
- Battle of Antietam
- Battle of Gettysburg
- Siege of Vicksburg

Casualties

Union	Confederacy
642,427	483,026

Includes: Killed in battle, diseases, wounded in action, and Prisoners of War.

