

West Broward High School 2020-2021 United States History Summer Assignment

For rising juniors

Welcome to United States History. You will be exposed to the historical, social, political, economic, and cultural (SPEC) events which influenced the development and the effects of the Civil War. All 2020-2021 US History students will be responsible for completing this assignment. Any questions you may ask any US History teacher BEFORE leaving for summer break.

The assignment is due on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020.**

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READ THE BACKGROUND FIRST: The Civil War was caused by a variety of reasons. Those reasons can be divided into **Social** (*having to do with people in groups, their living together, including issues such as gender, economic status, and race*), **Political** (*having to do with gaining, seeking, and organizing power, or related to the function of government, making laws, or enforcing and interpreting laws*), **Economic** (*anything that deals with an exchange of goods or services, how people meet their basic material needs, production and distribution of goods and services, money or monetary policy, such as taxes*), and **Cultural** (*dealing with common threads that bands a people together, traditions, ancestry, etc.*) reasons (**SPEC**). Economic issues stem from the fact that the North and the South developed over time into two very different lifestyles, with industry and capital being concentrated in the Northeast, while the South focused on agriculture, for which they believed slavery was essential. Slavery can be traced back to Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in what would later become the United States. Slaves were needed to work on the tobacco plantations and later the cotton plantations of the South. Ultimately the South depended on the North and Europe for manufactured goods. This war was fought between the Northern part of the United States and the Southern part of the United States, which actually seceded, or withdrew, from the United States to form their own union of states, called the Confederate States of America. The war would last four years and claim hundreds of thousands of lives. This division was years in the making, with slavery being one of the main issues dividing the country. As the country grew, so did the disputes over this issue.

Now that you have read this information, look at the list of vocabulary terms that follows.

1. Define the event. In other words, explain what it is. If you use Google, be careful to watch for context (that means it should be related to the time period we are talking about)

2. Connect the term to one of the SPECs. (social, political, economic, cultural) reasons for the war. In other words, is it a social, political, economic, or cultural event)
3. Analyze how the event is significant in relation to the Civil War, or how it connects to the war or what impact it had on the war.
4. Place the events in the list in Chronological order (date order, earliest to latest) (include their date. For many it may be only the year but find a specific date if available)

EXAMPLE.

Invention of the cotton gin: (economic) The cotton gin, invented by Eli Whitney in 1793, allowed for cotton to be produced much faster because it took the seeds out of the cotton faster and easier than doing it by hand. Southern cotton farmers were able to produce more cotton, so they wanted to expand into the western territories so they could have more land. They wanted to bring their slaves with them to work the land. This was significant because the expansion of slavery was an issue that caused conflict in the United States between the North and the South.

Pre-Civil War Events

1. “All men are created” equal included as part of the *Declaration of Independence*
2. Treaty of Paris of 1783
3. United States Constitution
4. Three-Fifths Compromise
5. Louisiana Purchase
6. Tariffs are introduced between 1816 and 1828 (start with what tariffs are and then what were the tariffs that were introduced during this time period)
7. Texas Revolution / Treaty of San Jacinto
8. The term “Manifest Destiny” is first used (define Manifest Destiny as part of your response)
9. Mexican-American War
10. Annexation of Texas

Civil War and Reconstruction Events:

1. Election of Abraham Lincoln
2. Civil War

3. Compromise of 1850 / Popular Sovereignty
4. Secession of South Carolina
5. Kansas-Nebraska Act
6. Bleeding Kansas
7. John Brown's Raid
8. Assault on Harper's Ferry
9. Publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
10. Start of the Underground Railroad
11. Dred Scott Decision (not the person, the Supreme Court decision)
12. Nadir begins (during the period of Reconstruction, remember to look at context.)
13. Emergence of Radical Republicans
14. Ostend Manifesto
15. Battle of Fort Sumter, South Carolina
16. Battle of Bull Run
17. Formation of the Anaconda Plan
18. Emancipation Proclamation is issued
19. Battle of Gettysburg
20. Gettysburg Address
21. Battle of Antietam
22. Passage of the 13th Amendment
23. Passage of the 14th Amendment
24. Passage of the 15th Amendment
25. Ku Klux Klan is formed
26. Black codes are introduced
27. Reconstruction begins
28. Freedmen's Bureau is created
29. Sharecropping is introduced in the South