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**American Civil War: Background**

The Civil War took more American lives than any other war in history. The war's terrible bloodshed left a heritage of grief and bitterness. How did slavery and other issues of the day lead to the Civil War? Why did some states secede from the Union? To learn about slavery and secession, let's start from the beginning . . .

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- Historians have long debated the causes of the Civil War. Many of them maintain that \_\_\_\_\_ was the root cause.
- In 1861, the United States consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ free states, in which slavery was prohibited, and \_\_\_\_\_ slave states, in which it was allowed.
- The Founding Fathers of the United States had been unable to \_\_\_\_\_ slavery and compromised over it in writing the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Which 3 people did Abraham Lincoln defeat in the 1860 presidential election?
  - Northern Democratic candidate: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Southern Democratic candidate: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Constitutional Union Party candidate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did Southerners fear Abraham Lincoln's election?

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