

- The South vs the North
- Industry was the main driver of the economy in the North during ACW
- South needed slaves because of the large plantations and the labor profit
- Abolitionists wanted to outlaw slavery
- The Southern states didn't want the federal government to have all power/make all the laws
- The 1st fighting over slavery took place in Kansas
- Abraham Lincoln belonged to the Republican political party, he was on ballot in 10 southern states
- The Confederate States of America was the name of the new country made by the southern states

“Wartime Letterwriting”

- Difficulties to write and receive letters
 - Intercepted by the enemy
 - Families never know for sure the right address (soldiers often changed locations)
- Paper was rare
 - Creative ways to reuse it

The lives of soldiers

Routine activities

- they woke up at dawn
- chores: they cooked meals, clean their equipment, fixed their uniforms
- they had drills = time during which they practiced for battle. They practiced how to use guns and necessary maneuvers
- they cleaned up the camp
- they dug trenches
- some were on guard duty
- they cared for their horses
- they switched camps
- they gathered wood for cooking
- they built roads
- they searched for water

Hygiene

- Terrible medical conditions because doctors didn't know about diseases. When soldiers had wounds to the legs or arms, the doctors amputated them
- many soldiers died due to infections