

APUSH Civil War EQs

The following mandatory essential questions are due January 5th.

Chapter 20

1. Discuss the secession crisis and the reasons why Lincoln chose to contest southern secession.
2. As Fort Sumter stood as the last Union held bastion in the south, what options did President Lincoln have when the Confederate Army laid siege to it? Do you think he took the most advantageous course of action? Why or why not?
3. How did the Border States respond to secession and the war?
4. List the strengths and weaknesses of the North and South as war broke out.
5. Why did King Cotton fail the south in the Civil War?
6. How did the war affect the liberties and freedoms of both northerners and southerners, including those who would be forced to fight?
7. How did each side pay for the cost of the war and what were the economic effects (short and long term) for each region?

Chapter 21

1. Analyze the strategic options of each side at the beginning of the war. Discuss why each side chose to act as it did and why their choices proved successful or unsuccessful.
2. Compare Grant and Lee as military leaders. To what extent did Lee represent the "traditional" strategist and Grant the new age of "total war?"
3. List and explain the key turning points of the war. (at least three)
4. Examine the politics of the war; especially the way Lincoln used actions such as the Gettysburg Address and Emancipation Proclamation to affect the course of the war.
5. Identify the political, economic, and social outcomes of the Civil War.