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<td>Identify the contributions that enslaved African Americans made to the success of plantations in the South</td>
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<td>Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman</td>
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<td>Identify the Underground Railroad as a system of escape for enslaved Africans in the United States</td>
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<td>Differentiate between the North and the South</td>
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<td>Describe the adult life and contributions of Abraham Lincoln</td>
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<td>Demonstrate familiarity with the poem “Lincoln”</td>
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<td>Differentiate between the Union and the Confederacy and the states associated with each</td>
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<td>Describe why the southern states seceded from the United States</td>
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<td>Identify the U.S. Civil War, or the War Between the States, as a war waged because of differences between the North and the South</td>
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<td>Identify the people of the North as “Yankees” and those of the South as “Rebels”</td>
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<td>Define the differences between the Union and the Confederacy</td>
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| Explain Abraham Lincoln’s role in keeping the Union together during the U.S. Civil War | ✓ | ✓  |
| Identify Robert E. Lee as the commander of the Confederate Army | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| Explain why Lee was reluctant to command either the Union or Confederate Army | ✓  |
| Identify Clara Barton as the “Angel of the Battlefield” and the founder of the American Red Cross | ✓  |
| Describe the work of the American Red Cross | ✓  |
| Identify Abraham Lincoln as the author of the Emancipation Proclamation | ✓  |
| Explain the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation | ✓  |
| Identify Ulysses S. Grant as the commander of the Union Army | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| Explain that the North’s victory reunited the North and the South as one country and ended slavery | ✓  |

**Reading Standards for Literature: Grade 2**

**Key Ideas and Details**

| STD RL.2.2 | Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Recount fiction read-alouds, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine the central message, lesson, or moral | ✓ | ✓ |

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

| STD RL.2.7 | Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a read-aloud to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot | ✓ |  |
### Reading Standards for Informational Text: Grade 2

#### Key Ideas and Details

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<th>STD RI.2.1</th>
<th>Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.</th>
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<td>CKLA Goal(s)</td>
<td>Ask and answer questions (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how), orally or in writing, requiring literal recall and understanding of the details and/or facts of a nonfiction/informational read-aloud.</td>
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<td>Answer questions that require making interpretations, judgments, or giving opinions about what is heard in a nonfiction/informational read-aloud, including answering why questions that require recognizing cause/effect relationships.</td>
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#### Craft and Structure

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#### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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<th>Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.</th>
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<td>Interpret information from diagrams, charts, timelines, graphs, or other organizers associated with a nonfiction/informational read-aloud and explain how these graphics clarify the meaning of the read-aloud.</td>
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| STD RI.2.9 | Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Compare and contrast (orally or in writing) similarities and differences within a single nonfiction/informational read-aloud or between two or more nonfiction/informational read-alouds | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

| STD RI.2.10 | By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the Grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Listen to and demonstrate understanding of nonfiction/informational read-alouds of appropriate complexity for Grades 2–4 | ✓ |

### Writing Standards: Grade 2

#### Text Types and Purposes

| STD W.2.2 | Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Plan and/or draft, and edit an informative/explanatory text that presents information from a nonfiction/informational read-aloud that introduces a topic, uses facts and definitions to develop points, and provides a concluding statement or section | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

#### Research to Build and Present Knowledge

| STD W.2.8 | Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. |
| CKLA Goal(s) | Make personal connections (orally or in writing) to events or experiences in a fiction or nonfiction/informational read-aloud and/or make connections among several read-alouds | ✓ | ✓ |

With assistance, categorize and organize facts and information within a given domain to answer questions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
## Speaking and Listening Standards: Grade 2

### Comprehension and Collaboration

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<td>STD SL.2.1</td>
<td>Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about Grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and large groups.</td>
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<td>STD SL.2.1a</td>
<td>Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).</td>
<td>Use agreed-upon rules for group discussions (e.g., look at and listen to the speaker, raise hand to speak, take turns, say “excuse me” or “please,” etc.)</td>
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<td>STD SL.2.1b</td>
<td>Build on others’ talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others.</td>
<td>Carry on and participate in a conversation over at least six turns, staying on topic, linking their comments to the remarks of others, with either an adult or another child of the same age</td>
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<td>STD SL.2.1c</td>
<td>Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.</td>
<td>Ask questions to clarify information about the topic in a fiction or nonfiction/informational read-aloud</td>
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<td>STD SL.2.2</td>
<td>Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.</td>
<td>Retell (orally or in writing) important facts and information from a fiction or nonfiction/informational read-aloud</td>
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<td>STD SL.2.3</td>
<td>Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue.</td>
<td>Ask questions to clarify directions, exercises, classroom routines and/or what a speaker says about a topic to gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue</td>
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### Language Standards: Grade 2

#### Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

| **STD L.2.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on Grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. |
| **STD L.2.4c** Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., *addition, additional*). |
| **CKLA Goal(s)** Use word parts to determine meanings of unknown words in fiction or nonfiction/informational read-alouds and discussions |

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| STD L.2.6 | Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy, that makes me happy). |

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### Additional CKLA Goals

| | | | | | | | | | |
| Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of self and others | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Share writing with others | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Prior to listening to a read-aloud, orally predict what will happen based on images or text heard, and then compare the actual outcome to the prediction | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Prior to listening to a read-aloud, identify orally what they know and have learned about a given topic | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

These goals are addressed in all lessons in this domain. Rather than repeat these goals as lesson objectives throughout the domain, they are designated here as frequently occurring goals.
This introduction includes the necessary background information to be used in teaching The U.S. Civil War domain. The Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology for The U.S. Civil War contains eleven daily lessons, each of which is composed of two distinct parts, so that the lesson may be divided into smaller chunks of time and presented at different intervals during the day. Each entire lesson will require a total of sixty minutes.

This domain includes a Pausing Point following Lesson 5. At the end of the domain, a Domain Review, a Domain Assessment, and Culminating Activities are included to allow time to review, reinforce, assess, and remediate content knowledge. You should spend no more than fifteen days total on this domain.

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© Lessons include Student Performance Task Assessments.
# Lessons require advance preparation and/or additional materials; please plan ahead.
Domain Components

Along with this Anthology, you will need:

• Tell It Again! Media Disk or the Tell It Again! Flip Book* for The U.S. Civil War

• Tell It Again! Image Cards for The U.S. Civil War

• Tell It Again! Supplemental Guide for The U.S. Civil War

*The Tell It Again! Multiple Meaning Word Posters for The U.S. Civil War are found at the back of the Tell It Again! Flip Book.

Recommended Resource:


Why The U.S. Civil War Is Important

This domain will introduce students to an important period in the history of the United States. Students will learn about the controversy over slavery between the North and the South, which eventually led to the U.S. Civil War. They will learn about this war and how the end of the war also meant the end of slavery.

“Enslaved Africans” is the term used to describe Africans and the descendants of those Africans taken against their will from Africa and forced into slavery in the United States through the conclusion of the Civil War. The communities of people enslaved in the south established a new culture which combined the homeland of their ancestors and the Americas. Although slave trade was abolished in the United States in January 1808 and at the time of the Civil War very few enslaved Africans had actually been born in Africa, the term “enslaved Africans” is used in place of “slaves” to honor the history of the enslaved people. Students will also learn about some women and men who made significant contributions during this time, including Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, and Robert E. Lee.

It is important to note that the content of some of the read-alouds, especially those dealing with slavery, might be unsettling for some students. Please preview all read-alouds and lessons in this domain before presenting them to students. If you believe any of these
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read-alouds would be unsettling to your students, please substitute a trade book from the list of recommended trade books if you believe doing so would be more appropriate for your students.

This domain will lay the foundation for in-depth studies of the U.S. Civil War in later grades. It will also set the stage for the Grade 2 Fighting for a Cause domain, which will be taught later in the school year.

What Students Have Already Learned in Core Knowledge Language Arts During Kindergarten and Grade 1

The following domains, and the specific core content that was targeted in those domains, are particularly relevant to the read-alouds students will hear in The U.S. Civil War. This background knowledge will greatly enhance students’ understanding of the read-alouds they are about to enjoy. If your students did not follow the CKLA program in Kindergarten and Grade 1, it is recommended that you review the following domains, and the trade books listed in the Recommended Resources section of those domains, to fill any gaps in students’ background knowledge.

Presidents and American Symbols (Kindergarten)

- Describe Washington, D.C., as the city where the current president lives and where monuments of past presidents can be found
- Identify the American flag
- Recognize Abraham Lincoln as an important president of the United States
- Recall that Abraham Lincoln was known as “Honest Abe”

A New Nation: American Independence (Grade 1)

- Explain that the first Africans in the colonies came to Jamestown as indentured servants, not slaves
- Describe how the thirteen colonies in America evolved from dependence on Great Britain to independence as a nation
- Locate the thirteen original colonies
- Identify Washington, D.C., as the nation’s capital
- Describe the roles of African Americans, Native Americans, and women during the evolution from thirteen English colonies in America to independence as a nation
## Core Vocabulary for The U.S. Civil War

The following list contains all of the core vocabulary words in *The U.S. Civil War* in the forms in which they appear in the domain. These words appear in the read-alouds or, in some instances, in the “Introducing the Read-Aloud” section at the beginning of the lesson. **Boldfaced words in the list have an associated Word Work activity.**

The inclusion of words on this list does not mean that students are immediately expected to be able to use all of these words on their own. However, through repeated exposure throughout all lessons, they should acquire a good understanding of most of these words and begin to use some of them in conversation.

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Student Performance Task Assessments

In the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology for The U.S. Civil War, there are numerous opportunities to assess students’ learning. These assessment opportunities range from informal observations, such as Think Pair Share and some Extension activities, to more formal written assessments. These Student Performance Task Assessments (SPTA) are identified in the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology with this icon: 🎯. There is also an end-of-domain summative assessment. Use the Tens Conversion Chart located in the Appendix to convert a raw score on each SPTA into a Tens score. On the same page, you will also find the rubric for recording observational Tens Scores.

Above and Beyond

In the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology for The U.S. Civil War, there are numerous opportunities in the lessons and the Pausing Point to challenge students who are ready to attempt activities that are above grade-level. These activities are labeled “Above and Beyond” and are identified with this icon: ⬆️.

Supplemental Guide

Accompanying the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology is a Supplemental Guide designed specifically to assist educators who serve students with limited English oral language skills or students with limited home literary experience, which may include English Language Learners (ELLs) and children with special needs. Teachers whose students would benefit from enhanced oral language practice may opt to use the Supplemental Guide as their primary guide in the Listening & Learning™ Strand. Teachers may also choose to begin a domain by using the Supplemental Guide as their primary guide before transitioning to the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology, or may choose individual activities from the Supplemental Guide to augment the content covered in the Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology.

The Supplemental Guide activities that may be particularly relevant to any classroom are the Multiple Meaning Word Activities and accompanying Multiple Meaning Word Posters, which help students determine and clarify different meanings of words;
Syntactic Awareness Activities, which call students’ attention to sentence structure, word order, and grammar; and Vocabulary Instructional Activities, which place importance on building students’ general academic, or Tier 2, vocabulary. These activities afford all students additional opportunities to acquire a richer understanding of the English language. Several of these activities have been included as Extensions in the *Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology*. In addition, several words in the *Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology* are underlined, indicating that they are multiple-meaning words. The accompanying sidebars explain some of the more common alternate meanings of these words. *Supplemental Guide* activities included in the *Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology* are identified with this icon: ⇐.

**Recommended Resources for The U.S. Civil War**

**Trade Book List**

The *Tell It Again! Read-Aloud Anthology* includes a number of opportunities in the Extensions, the Pausing Point, and the Domain Review for teachers to select trade books from the list below to reinforce domain concepts through the use of authentic literature. In addition, teachers should consider other times throughout the day when they might infuse authentic domain-related literature. If you recommend that families read aloud with their child each night, you may wish to suggest that they choose titles from this trade book list to reinforce the domain concepts. You might also consider creating a classroom lending library, allowing students to borrow domain-related books to read at home with their families.

**Note:** We recommend that you preview all books before presenting them in order to determine whether the content is appropriate for your students. A number of the trade books examine various aspects of the brutality of slavery, which may be disturbing to some students.


Websites and Other Resources

**Teacher Resources**

1. Map of U.S. During Civil War  
   http://www2.lhrinc.org/pocantico/civilwar/map.htm

2. Civil War Word Search  
   http://www2.lhrinc.org/pocantico/civilwar/wordsearch.htm

3. Interactive Map: The Underground Railroad  
   http://eduplace.com/kids/socsci/books/applications/imaps/maps/g5s_u6/index.html

4. Harriet Tubman  
   http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p1535.html

5. Clara Barton National Historic Site  
   http://www.nps.gov/features/clba/feat0001/flash.html

**Student Resources**

6. The Civil War for Kids  
   http://www.civilwarkids.com/index.html

7. The History Channel's Civil War 150  
   http://www.history.com/interactives/civil-war-150#/home
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States

✓ Identify the contributions that enslaved African Americans made to the success of plantations in the South

✓ Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the Slavery Freedom T-chart from “Harriet Tubman, Part I” to explain what slavery was like (RI.2.7)

✓ Compare and contrast similarities and differences between slavery and freedom (RI.2.9)

✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “Harriet Tubman, Part I” (W.2.2)

✓ Make personal connections between their nickname and Harriet Tubman’s nickname, Minty, in “Harriet Tubman, Part I” (W.2.8)

✓ With assistance, categorize and organize facts and information within The U.S. Civil War to answer questions about what slavery was like in order to write a Civil War journal entry (W.2.8)
✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of themselves and those of enslaved people in “Harriet Tubman, Part I”
✓ Share writing with others

Core Vocabulary

plantsations, **n.** Large farms where crops are raised  
*Example:* There were many large cotton plantations in the South before the Civil War.  
*Variation(s):* plantation

slavery, **n.** The practice of forcing people to work without pay as enslaved people, and denying them the freedom to decide how to live their lives  
*Example:* Slavery was seen by many as unfair, since all people should have the right to be paid for their work, and be free to decide where to work and live.  
*Variation(s):* none

survival, **n.** The state of continuing to exist, especially in spite of difficult conditions  
*Example:* A polar bear relies on its layers of fur for its survival in very cold habitats.  
*Variation(s):* none

value, **n.** Usefulness or importance  
*Example:* Jorge’s father always stressed the value of getting a good education.  
*Variation(s):* none

wages, **n.** Money that is paid or received for work  
*Example:* Enslaved people were forced to do difficult work for no wages.  
*Variation(s):* wage
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What Do We Know?

Remind students that they recently learned about westward expansion in the United States. Ask students what they remember about the Westward Expansion domain and what they remember about the history of the United States prior to the time period of this domain. Remind students that after the Lewis and Clark expedition, the United States continued to grow, and more and more people decided to move westward looking for open land and new opportunities. Remind students of the exciting innovations, or new ideas, they learned about, including the invention of steamboats, the operation of the Pony Express, and the building of the transcontinental railroad. Remind students that they also learned about the hardships westward expansion caused for both pioneers and Native Americans. You may wish to use the timeline created in the Westward Expansion domain introduction as a review.

Note: Students who participated in the Core Knowledge Language Arts program in Grade 1 should remember discussing the Declaration of Independence, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and slavery from the A New Nation: American Independence domain. The words liberty and justice were also core vocabulary words within that domain.

Have students recite The Pledge of Allegiance, adding a focus on the meaning of the last part, “with liberty and justice for all.” Ask students if they know what the words liberty and justice mean. Explain that liberty means freedom and justice means fairness. Remind students that when the colonists decided to fight for their freedom from Great Britain, they themselves were keeping freedom from a large number of enslaved African people. Slaves are people forced to do difficult work for no wages or pay, and
they are not allowed to make their own decisions about where to live or what to do with their lives. Ask: “If a person is not allowed to decide what he or she can do in life, and is forced to work for no money, is he or she free?” (Pause for students’ responses.) Explain that many people realized that slavery was wrong, yet many of the colonies, especially in the South, forced many people into slavery.

Domain Introduction

Tell students that for the next few weeks, they will learn that people in different parts of the country strongly disagreed about slavery as the United States grew and spread westward. Slavery was allowed in some states but not in others. Having different parts of the United States disagree about whether or not slavery should be allowed eventually led to a war. Explain that this war was called the U.S. Civil War or the War Between the States. Explain that a civil war is a war between two different groups within the same country. Tell students that they will learn about important events and important people related to the U.S. Civil War.

Personal Connections

Tell students that today’s read-aloud is about a woman named Harriet Tubman, who was called Minty as a child. Explain that “Minty” was Harriet Tubman’s nickname as a child. Ask students if they know what a nickname is. Ask if any of them have nicknames, and have students share with the class—if they wish—what their nicknames are. Explain that in the read-aloud they are about to hear, they will hear the nickname Minty. You may wish to reinforce that Harriet Tubman is Minty by writing the following on chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard so students have a visual reference: Harriet Tubman = Minty.

Purpose for Listening

Explain that Harriet Tubman lived and worked before, during, and after the time of the Civil War. Tell students to listen carefully to learn what Harriet Tubman’s life was like as a child before the U.S. Civil War.
Minty’s eyelids were heavy. Her head bobbed up and down as she faded in and out of sleep. She pinched herself to try to stay awake, but the house was so quiet and calm. Even the tree frogs, crickets, and other creatures of the night had stopped chirping and croaking. It seemed all of Maryland was asleep at this late hour, except young Minty.

At age six, Minty should have been asleep, too. Her body and mind cried out for sleep, yet she dared not doze off for fear she would not hear the baby crying. This baby was Minty’s responsibility. She watched over the baby day and night—rocked him to sleep, kept him warm in his blanket, and sang songs to keep him happy. Minty would do anything in her power to keep him happy, for she knew that if he cried she would be punished.

And so, each time the baby stirred in his crib—each time he whimpered or moaned—Minty’s heart raced. As soon as the baby cried out, even if he only cried for a moment, the baby’s mother would get very angry with Minty.

This was the awful, painful reality in which Minty lived, because Minty was an enslaved African person. Even at the tender age of six years old, she was forced to work for no pay all day long, every day. And Minty thought she would be enslaved her entire life until she died. This was the terrible truth of slavery: Minty and other enslaved Africans like her had no rights or freedom. Minty would be forced to do the hard work given to her from sunup to sundown, providing great value to the plantation owner, almost every day of her entire life. Very, very little of Minty’s time would ever be her own to do with as she wished. This is what life was like for millions of people in the United States of America when Minty was six. In fact, this is what life had been like for many people for a long time, long before Minty or her parents and grandparents were born.
One night Minty asked her mother how and why she and her family had become enslaved.

“Well, your grandmother,” her mother told her, “she came over the ocean on a great big ship. She came from a place called Africa. Many Africans are here now, enslaved in this land they call the United States.”

“Why did Grandmother and other Africans come here?” Minty asked.

“It was not their choice to come here from Africa,” her mother explained. “Africans were captured by men with guns and other weapons who wanted to bring them to America to work in slavery. They were put on these ships against their will, and then they were brought to this country and sent to places like plantations, farms, businesses, or households to work. That’s why our life is the way it is. We do as we are told, and we do our best to survive.” By this, Minty’s mother meant they worked hard to keep their families as safe and healthy as possible.

Minty’s father and mother had nine children, including Minty. But, like most enslaved Africans, the family did not live or work together all in one home. Minty’s mother worked for a man named Edward Brodess. Minty’s father worked for a man named Edward Thompson, whose plantation was down the road from the Brodess home.

Three of Minty’s sisters were sent away to work for plantation owners in Georgia. Minty never saw any of them again. As her mother said, enslaved people did not have a choice or say in the matter. The plantation owners did whatever they had to do to make as much money as possible from their plantations and slave labor.

Because families of enslaved Africans often could not live together or were separated, they depended on the community of
the enslaved Africans on the plantation. Mothers and fathers would take care of children who were not their own. Enslaved Africans helped and supported each other as communities by looking out for each other and working together. In this way, they could be strong together, despite the fact that they were enslaved. Although life was hard for the enslaved people, this working together and helping each other contributed to their **survival** and made it better.  

Where Minty lived, the enslaved Africans worked hard to perform many jobs that added value to the plantation. They took care of the horses and tended crops of tobacco, corn, and hay—plowing, planting, and harvesting. In the winter, they chopped wood, mended fences, and helped clear more land for farming. Many enslaved people were skilled at a trade—some tended to the farm animals and butchers preserved the meat. Weavers, spinners, and seamstresses were involved in the process of making clothing. Their skills were valued—skilled carpenters constructed and repaired buildings and made furniture, and blacksmiths used iron to make and mend important tools for the life and work of the plantation. Many lived in shacks with dirt floors, had one set of tattered clothes and no shoes, and didn’t have enough to eat.

Most enslaved Africans worked out in the fields, performing the many difficult tasks involved in growing and harvesting the crops. They were known as field slaves, and they lived the hardest lives of all. They worked from early morning until late at night, often with no relief from the heat or rest from their hard labor. They always worked under the watchful eye of the overseers, people who kept watch over and directed the enslaved people. The enslaved people always worked under the threat of punishment.

Other enslaved Africans worked in what was known as the “big house,” the beautiful mansion belonging to the plantation owners. They did not have to work in the hot sun, they wore nicer clothes than the field slaves, and they sometimes had access to more food than the field slaves. In addition to daily cooking and
cleaning, house slaves helped make butter, wash the household laundry, and care for the plantation owner’s young children. That was Minty’s job, which was why she was watching the baby at night. Just like those who worked in the fields, enslaved Africans who worked in the house worked hard. But, also like the people who worked in the fields, they helped each other a lot and this made it less hard and less sad.

Show image 1A-4: Plantation scene

Plantations, like the one where Minty and other enslaved Africans lived and worked, were common throughout Maryland and all of the states in the southern United States, or the South. The South had rich soil and endless farmland. Those who owned the land could get rich by growing and selling tobacco, cotton, and other crops. Running a large plantation required many workers; there were no tractors or other machines to help in those days. The enslaved Africans working on a plantation contributed valuable skills and labor to the success of the plantation. Without the enslaved Africans, the plantation could not be run. They did many important jobs of all kinds. Even so, rather than hiring workers and paying them, plantation owners, who were white, forced people who were black to work for free in a life of slavery. The plantation owners thought they could treat these African people this way because they looked different. Because of this difference in the way they looked, the plantation owners thought they were better than the people they enslaved. As enslaved people, they were not given any wages for the work they did on the plantations. Millions of Africans were taken from their homes and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean to live a life in slavery, and the children of the enslaved Africans, children like Minty and her sisters and brothers, automatically became enslaved the very moment they were born. They would likely remain enslaved until they died.
As Minty’s mother explained, enslaved people did not have the choice to be free people. Or did they? Early on, Minty began to wonder whether it was possible to resist, or fight back, as an enslaved person. She wondered this because she had, in fact, seen her own mother resist the plantation owner’s wishes. When Minty was young, Mr. Brodess arranged to send her brother, Moses, to a plantation belonging to another owner. Minty’s mother had already seen three of her daughters sent far away to another plantation down south, and she was determined not to lose any more of her children.

When Mr. Brodess came to fetch Moses to send him away with the other plantation owner, Minty’s mother stood in the doorway and promised, “I will not allow any more of my children to be taken away!” Something in her eyes must have scared Mr. Brodess that day, because he turned around and he never tried to send Moses or anyone else in Minty’s family away again. This event gave Minty a shred of hope that one day she might be able to fight back and possibly win her freedom.

14 Do you think Minty will eventually fight back and win her freedom?

**Discussing the Read-Aloud 15 minutes**

**Comprehension Questions 10 minutes**

If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images. If students give one-word answers and/or fail to use read-aloud or domain vocabulary in their responses, acknowledge correct responses by expanding students’ responses using richer and more complex language. Ask students to answer in complete sentences by having them restate the question in their responses.

1. **Literal** What was Harriet Tubman’s nickname as a child?  
(Minty) Minty was an enslaved person. What does that mean?  
(She did not have rights or freedom. She had to work for no money, and she would rarely be able to make decisions about her own life.)
2. **Literal** From which continent did many enslaved people come? *(Africa)* [Have a student point out Africa on a world map or globe and trace a path across the Atlantic Ocean to the southeastern part of the United States.]

3. **Literal** What important responsibility did Minty have as a young, enslaved African? *(She watched over the mistress of the house’s baby.)*

4. **Inferential** What types of work did enslaved Africans do in the fields? *(They plowed, planted, and harvested the crops.)* What kind of work did the enslaved Africans who worked at the “big house” do? *(They cooked, cleaned, did laundry, made butter, and cared for the young children.)* What other jobs did enslaved Africans perform on a plantation? *(There were carpenters who constructed and repaired buildings and made furniture; blacksmiths who made and mended tools from iron; and weavers, spinners, and seamstresses who made clothing. They chopped wood, mended fences, cleared land for farming, tended the farm animals, and butchered and preserved the meat.)*

5. **Inferential** What was life like for enslaved people? *(harsh; They were often separated from their families; they weren’t paid wages for their hard work; many had minimal shelter, clothing, and food.)*

6. **Inferential** What do you see in this picture? *(a plantation, lots of farmland, enslaved Africans)* Why were slaves like Minty and her family important to plantation owners in the South? *(Many workers were needed, and enslaved Africans did many types of important and difficult jobs that took a lot of skill. They were forced to work without being paid any wages, and the plantation owners chose to treat them this way because they looked different from the plantation owners.)*

   [Please continue to model the *Think Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]
I am going to ask a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

7. **Evaluative**  
Think Pair Share: How would you describe Minty’s life as a young, enslaved person? (harsh, had to work hard, no freedom, etc.) How was Minty’s life different from that of the plantation owner? (Answers may vary.)

8. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [Students may have many questions about slavery, the life of enslaved people, or other related topics. Please allow time to address these questions, and emphasize that slavery was wrong then as it is wrong today. If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Value**  
5 minutes

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “Minty would be forced to do the hard work given to her from sunup to sundown, providing great **value** to the plantation owner, almost every day of her entire life.”

2. Say the word **value** with me.

3. If something is of value, then it shows usefulness or importance.

4. The car drives well in the snow, making it of great value during the winter months.

5. What has value to you and why? Try to use the word **value** when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “_____ has great value to me because _____.”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?
Use a *Making Choices* activity for follow-up. Directions: I am going to read a statement that is either about something that provides value or does not provide value. If the statement describes something that provides value, then say, “That is of value.” If the statement does not describe something that provides value, say, “That is not of value.” (Answers may vary, as students may have different opinions about some of these.)

1. a one-of-a-kind painting by famous artist Vincent van Gogh  
   (That is of value.)
2. an employee who does not work hard  
   (That is not of value.)
3. a broken pencil  
   (That is not of value.)
4. a guide dog for a person who is blind  
   (That is of value.)
5. a book with many pages missing  
   (That is not of value.)
6. a calculator for a very difficult math problem  
   (That is of value.)
7. food for someone who has not eaten all day  
   (That is of value.)
8. shoes that do not keep your feet warm and dry  
   (That is not of value.)
9. a yo-yo with a very knotted string  
   (That is not of value.)
10. a coat on a cold day  
    (That is of value.)

Guide: *Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day*
Extensions

20 minutes

Slavery and Freedom T-Chart
(InSTRUCTIONAL Master 1B-1, optional)

Create a T-Chart on chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard. Label one side “Slavery” and the other side “Freedom.”

Ask students to think about what they learned from the read-aloud about slavery and the harsh lives the enslaved Africans led. Have students share what they learned about Minty’s life and the lives of other enslaved Africans. (Students’ responses should reflect an understanding that enslaved Africans were forced to work difficult jobs that often required a lot of skill; they were not paid for their work; they were not free to make their own decisions; families were often broken up into different households on different plantations; they helped each other so it made their lives less hard and less sad; etc.)

Then, ask students to think of people who had freedom back then (e.g., plantation owners) and people who have freedom now. Use yourself, students, and students’ parents as examples. Ask: “Did I get to choose my job? How about your parents? Am I paid for my work? What are some freedoms you enjoy now? What freedoms do you hope to enjoy as you get older?” Make sure you contrast what is written on the “Slavery” side of the T-Chart.

Record students’ responses on the T-Chart. Tell students that you are going to write down what they say, but that they are not expected to be able to read all of what you write because they are still mastering the rules for decoding. Emphasize that you are writing what they say so that you don’t forget. Tell them that you will read the words to them. Once the chart has been completed, read it to the class.
Above and Beyond: For those students who are ready to do so, have them fill in their own charts using Instructional Master 1B-1.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 1B-2)

Tell students that they will be keeping a Civil War journal to help them remember important information they learn in this domain. Tell them that page 1 of the journal will be about slavery. Have students use the information heard in the read-aloud and the ideas shared in the Slavery and Freedom T-Chart to decide on three sentences they can write on Instructional Master 1B-2 to help them remember what slavery was like. One of those sentences may focus on the importance of community and support that enslaved Africans provided to each other in order to survive. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.

Note: You will need to save all of the students’ journal entries to be compiled into a booklet at the end of the domain.

Take-Home Material

Family Letter

Send home Instructional Masters 1B-3 and 1B-4.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
✓ Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman
✓ Identify the Underground Railroad as a system of escape for enslaved Africans in the United States
✓ Demonstrate familiarity with the poem “Harriet Tubman”
✓ Demonstrate familiarity with the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd”

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart in the Introduction for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Determine the meaning of the poem “Harriet Tubman” (RL.2.2)
✓ Determine the meaning of the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd” (RL.2.2)
✓ Use information gained from an illustration in “Harriet Tubman, Part II” to demonstrate understanding of the characters, setting, or plot (RL.2.7)
✓ Interpret information from the Slavery and Freedom T-Chart from the read-aloud “Harriet Tubman, Part I” to discuss what a “journey to freedom” along the Underground Railroad meant to the runaway slaves (RL.2.7)
✓ Make personal connections orally about the pros and cons of being rebellious (W.2.8)

✓ Determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words and phrases, such as flies (L.2.5a)

✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of themselves, Harriet Tubman, and the enslaved Africans in the read-aloud “Harriet Tubman, Part II”

✓ Share writing with others

✓ Prior to listening to “Harriet Tubman, Part II,” predict orally whether Harriet Tubman fights for and wins her freedom, and then compare the actual outcome to the prediction

✓ Prior to listening to “Harriet Tubman, Part II,” identify orally what they know and have learned from the previous read-aloud “Harriet Tubman, Part I”

Core Vocabulary

conductor, n. A person who led or directed enslaved Africans to freedom during the Civil War using the Underground Railroad
Example: Harriet Tubman was a famous conductor on the Underground Railroad.
Variation(s): conductors

contributions, n. Money, materials, information, or labor given by someone to help others
Example: Every year, my parents make several contributions to the American Red Cross to help people in need.
Variation(s): contribution

gourd, n. A plant whose hard-shelled fruit is sometimes dried and hollowed out to be used as a tool
Example: Tommy used the hollowed-out gourd to scoop water out of the pond.
Variation(s): gourds

passengers, n. Enslaved Africans who traveled to freedom on the Underground Railroad
Example: Many of the passengers on the Underground Railroad were caught before they could reach freedom.
Variation(s): passenger

rebellious, adj. Resisting, or fighting, being controlled by someone else
Example: Because John would not stay in his room, his parents told him he was being rebellious.
Variation(s): none
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Introducing the Read-Aloud

What Have We Already Learned?

Use images 1A-1–1A-5 to review what was learned in the previous read-aloud about Harriet Tubman’s early life and about slavery. You may wish to ask the following questions to review the content learned thus far:

- What was Harriet Tubman’s nickname as a child?
- What was Harriet Tubman’s life like as a young child?
- What are slaves?
- From which continent did many enslaved people come?
- What value did the enslaved Africans add to the plantation?
- What kinds of skills did the enslaved people contribute to the work of the plantation?
- Did enslaved Africans receive wages for their work?
- As a child, did Harriet Tubman endure slavery, or did she enjoy freedom?
- What did the enslaved Africans do to make their lives less harsh?

Remind students that slavery was allowed in some states, but not in others.

Essential Background Information or Terms

Tell students that today they will hear about something called the Underground Railroad. Convey to students that the word underground is sometimes used to describe something that is hidden or secret. Explain that the Underground Railroad was not a real railroad for locomotives and trains, but that like a real railroad, it helped get people, or passengers, from one place to another.
Passengers on the Underground Railroad were trying to get out of the South and go to live in the North, where slavery was not allowed and where they could be free. They usually traveled at night and moved through the woods so they would not be seen, and they wanted to keep their movements a secret from plantation owners and slave catchers. Explain that people traveling on the Underground Railroad also stopped at stations for rest. Tell students that a conductor on the Underground Railroad was a leader, helping others on their journey. Tell students that in today’s read-aloud, they are going to continue learning about Harriet Tubman and her work on the Underground Railroad.

Making Predictions About the Read-Aloud

Reread the last sentence from the previous read-aloud: “This event gave Minty a shred of hope that one day she might be able to fight back and possibly win her freedom.” Ask: “What event did Minty experience that gave her hope that she could fight back and win her freedom? Do you think Harriet Tubman will choose to fight back and try to win her freedom?”

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out whether or not their predictions are correct about whether Harriet Tubman fights for and wins her freedom.
The summer air was hot and heavy. There was no breeze to cut the heat, and the shade of scraggly bushes did little to block the blazing sun. Gnats, mosquitoes, and flies swarmed all around, buzzing and biting. Despite the heat and bugs, the runaway slaves—filthy from head to toe, their clothes tattered and shredded by thorns and branches, their bare feet blistered and cut—slept hard, huddled together in the tall grass.

As they slept, a woman—a conductor—watched and guarded over them. Even now, as they slept deeply in the bushes, this woman sat upright and alert—her sharp eyes scanning the forest and her ears listening for signs of danger. She knew the dangers all too well. Slave catchers were always searching for runaway slaves—lurking in the middle of swamps, hunting for runaways miles away from the nearest house, town or road, hoping to catch groups of runaway slaves. The slave catchers were paid great sums of money if they caught runaway slaves, and this woman knew very well that the slave catchers would never give up.

This woman who stood guard over everyone else was Minty, the same Minty who used to sit by the crib hoping the plantation owner's baby would not cry. But people did not call her Minty anymore. People now called her Harriet Tubman.

When she grew up, Harriet Tubman did not serve in the “big house.” Perhaps this was because the plantation owners sensed that she was a bit rebellious; she always did things her way. So, from the time she was a young woman, she was sent to work in the fields—plowing and digging, cutting hay and tobacco, and chopping wood. In time, she became as strong and tough as a person could be.
When the plantation owner died, Harriet Tubman faced a new danger. It was likely that she would be sent off to Georgia, just like her sisters. Georgia was in the deep South where many of the plantations grew cotton and conditions were even worse for enslaved Africans. Work on the cotton plantations was difficult and performed in all types of weather—they plowed the fields with teams of mules, hoed the soil to get rid of weeds, and harvested the cotton by hand. The cotton had to be picked clean and then made into heavy bales that could be transported away from the plantation and sold. Harriet knew she had to run away from her life in slavery.

Show image 2A-3: Underground Railroad

In order to reach freedom, Harriet Tubman needed to use the Underground Railroad. This was not a real railroad; it was a system of secret routes and hiding places to help enslaved people escape from slavery in the South to freedom in the North. If only there had been a real railroad to freedom, then escaping would have been easy for Harriet Tubman and other runaway slaves. They could have hopped aboard any train and ridden away from the punishments, endless work, and sorrows of a harsh life.

In certain ways the Underground Railroad was like a real railroad. On a real train, there are passengers, or people who travel from one place to another. Runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad were also known as passengers, and as soon as they ran away from the plantation, they set off on an incredible and difficult journey to freedom. But runaways could not complete this journey without help from a conductor. On a real railroad, a conductor is in charge of the train. On the Underground Railroad, a conductor guided runaway slaves, leading them through secret paths and taking them to safe houses. These safe houses were known as stations, and like real train stations, they were places where passengers could rest before moving on to the next part of their journey. Many different people provided these stations to escaping slaves—people from both the North and...
the South who knew slavery was wrong, and even some former enslaved Africans who had won their freedom and wanted to help others.\textsuperscript{10}

Harriet Tubman made it safely to freedom in the North using the Underground Railroad. Enslaved Africans like Harriet were free in northern states like Pennsylvania, where slavery was not allowed, but they weren’t entirely safe until they left the United States and entered the land north of the United States.\textsuperscript{11} This was because the laws allowed slave catchers to enter free states in the North to catch runaway slaves and return them to a life of slavery in the South.

Harriet did not stay in Pennsylvania for long. She missed her family and friends and could not bear the thought of them remaining in slavery while she enjoyed a free, new life. She decided she had important \textit{contributions} to make to help those who were still enslaved.\textsuperscript{12} So, she became a conductor on the Underground Railroad and returned to the South nineteen more times over several years—risking her life each time to help other enslaved Africans escape to freedom.

Harriet Tubman soon became one of the bravest and most famous conductors on the Underground Railroad. Her name became well known among the supporters of slavery.\textsuperscript{13} Plantation owners put rich rewards out for her capture. Within a few years, they wanted her stopped at all costs. But she kept going back, again and again, helping more and more slaves escape.

\textsuperscript{14} What was a station on the Underground Railroad?

Harriet was startled by the distant sound of dogs barking, and she knew danger was near. “Wake up, now. Wake up!” she urged, shaking the men and women. “Gather up these babies. We’ve got to get a move on.” The men and women sprang to their feet with fear and panic. “Don’t you worry now,” she assured them. “I know a station not too far from here, but we’ll have to move fast, and we’ll have to stay in the creek to keep those dogs off the trail.”\textsuperscript{14}
They hustled out of the swamp and splashed up the creek, where the dogs would have a hard time following their scent. An hour later, soaked in sweat and muddy creek water, they arrived in the front yard of a small farmhouse.

The runaway slaves hid in the weeds while Harriet Tubman slipped through the yard and onto the front porch. She tapped three times on the door, waited a moment, and then tapped two more times. This was a secret knock, so the people in the house would know their visitor was an Underground Railroad conductor in need of help.

Show image 2A-5: Woman helping the fugitives

A white woman opened the door. She signaled for the runaways to follow her into the chicken coop. There, she lifted a trapdoor in the floor, revealing a dark hole.

“It’s not comfortable,” she told them, “but nobody will find you here. I have some stew and biscuits inside, and fresh milk. I’ll bring it out as soon as the coast is clear.”

Their hearts raced as they waited in their hideout, expecting to hear the slave catchers’ dogs barking any minute. But the dogs never came. Running through the creek had thrown the slave catchers off the trail, and for now, the runaways were safe. They wanted to sleep, but when the sun went down they had to move on again. There was no time to waste, for nighttime was the only safe time to travel.

Show image 2A-6: Tubman pointing out the “drinking gourd”

Outside, Harriet Tubman looked up to the starry sky. She put her arm around one of the children. “See there?” she said, pointing upward. “That group of stars up there . . . It kind of looks like a ladle you might use to scoop water from a bucket. Back where I’m from, we used to call it a drinking gourd. Do you see it?”

“I think so,” the child said.
“Now, see the ‘cup’ of that drinking gourd?” Harriet Tubman asked. “Look at the two stars at the end of the cup and pretend you can draw a straight line from those two stars, straight out into space. If you follow that line straight out, you will find the North Star. It is always there, right in the same spot, and you can always find it if you know how to find the drinking gourd in the sky. Do you know why that star is so important?”

“Why?” the child asked.

“Because the North Star is always to the north. If we follow the North Star every night and keep it in front of us, then it will guide us north to freedom.”

And heading to the North and to freedom is exactly what they did.

**Discussing the Read-Aloud**

**Comprehension Questions**

If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images. If students give one-word answers and/or fail to use read-aloud or domain vocabulary in their responses, acknowledge correct responses by expanding students’ responses using richer and more complex language. Ask students to answer in complete sentences by having them restate the question in their responses.

1. **Evaluative** What information did you use to make your predictions? (Answers may vary.) Were your predictions about whether or not Harriet Tubman would win her freedom correct? Why or why not? (Answers may vary.)

2. **Inferential** Why did Harriet Tubman decide to fight back rather than accept her life as an enslaved person? (She was afraid that she would be sent away to a place where she would have an even worse life; she had witnessed her mother’s successful resistance to Mr. Brodess; she saw first hand how terrible slavery was.)

3. **Inferential** How was she able to gain her freedom? (She ran away using the Underground Railroad and traveled to Pennsylvania in the North, where slavery was not allowed.)
4. **Inferential** Was the Underground Railroad a real railroad? (no) What was the Underground Railroad? (a secret system of routes and hiding places to help enslaved Africans escape from slavery in the South to freedom in the North) Who were the conductors on the Underground Railroad? (people leading and guiding the runaway slaves on the route to freedom) Who were the passengers on the Underground Railroad? (enslaved Africans trying to escape) What were stations along the Underground Railroad? (safe places for runaway slaves to stay and rest along their journey to freedom)

5. **Inferential** What were Harriet Tubman’s contributions to help enslaved people try to escape and win their freedom? (She became a conductor on the Underground Railroad; she went back and helped many other enslaved Africans escape their harsh lives in slavery.) Why did Harriet Tubman choose to be a conductor on the Underground Railroad and risk her own life to help other enslaved people? (She wanted them to be free also.)

6. **Inferential** What are some adjectives the author of the read-aloud used to describe Harriet Tubman? (*rebellious, strong, brave, famous,* etc.)

[Please continue to model the *Think Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

I am going to ask a couple of questions. I will give you a minute to think about the questions, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the questions. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

7. **Evaluative** *Think Pair Share:* What do you think a “journey to freedom” meant for the runaway slaves? What freedoms were they hoping for? (Answers may vary, but should include an understanding of the following: wanting to live and work where and how they chose; wanting to earn money for their hard work; wanting to live together with family without fear of separation; wanting to be free to make decisions about their own lives; etc.) [You may wish to have students revisit the Slavery and Freedom T-Chart for ideas.]
8. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Rebellious**

5 minutes

1. In the read-aloud, you heard, “The plantation owners sensed that [Minty] was a bit rebellious.”

2. Say the word rebellious with me.

3. If you are rebellious, you want to do things your own way and not be controlled by someone else’s rules.

4. Mary was considered rebellious because she stayed on the playground even after the teacher said that it was time to line up.

5. Have you ever felt like doing something your own way instead of listening to the rules? Try to use the word rebellious when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I felt rebellious when . . . ” or “I saw someone being rebellious when . . . ”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?

Do a Sharing activity for follow-up. Directions: What are the pros and cons of being rebellious? [Ask students to provide examples of positive rebellious actions either from history or literature that is familiar to them. Discuss why the rebellious behavior is positive in those circumstances. Ask for examples of negative rebellious behavior either from history or from literature that is familiar to students.] Remember to use the word rebellious and respond in complete sentences when sharing your examples.

Handout: Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Tell students that you are going to read a poem titled “Harriet Tubman,” by Eloise Greenfield. Tell them to listen carefully to find out what important information Eloise Greenfield chose to share about Harriet Tubman in her poem.

**Note:** You are strongly encouraged to post this poem in the classroom.

*Harriet Tubman*

By Eloise Greenfield

*Harriet Tubman didn’t take no stuff*
*Wasn’t scared of nothing neither*
*Didn’t come in this world to be no slave*
*And wasn’t going to stay one either*

*“Farewell!” she sang to her friends one night*
*She was mighty sad to leave ’em*
*But she ran away that dark, hot night*
*Ran looking for her freedom*
*She ran to the woods and she ran through the woods*
*With the slave catchers right behind her*
*And she kept on going till she got to the North*
*Where those mean men couldn’t find her*

*Nineteen times she went back South*
*To get three hundred others*
*She ran for her freedom nineteen times*
*To save Black sisters and brothers*
Help students to orally summarize the poem by coming up with a sentence summarizing each verse. It is important for students to understand that in the last line, where it says “To save Black sisters and brothers,” it does not mean that Harriet Tubman saved only her actual siblings. Remind students that they heard earlier that with the families of so many enslaved people being separated, people of different families who lived closely together on a plantation formed a strong community. Because of this, they often felt like sisters and brothers. Then, have students use Instructional Master 2B-1 to write their own summary. (Harriet Tubman was a very strong woman. She escaped to the North to gain her freedom, and then went back to the South many times to help others escape.) If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.

**Songs: “Follow the Drinking Gourd” (Instructional Master 2B-2)**

Show image 2A-6: Tubman pointing out the “drinking gourd”

Point out the Big Dipper, and ask students if they know a name for this group of stars. (Big Dipper) Ask students what Harriet Tubman called this group of stars. (the drinking gourd) Have students explain why the drinking gourd was important to enslaved Africans. (It showed the way to the North and to freedom.)

**Note:** If possible, try to find an audio recording of this song that students can listen to. Several options are available on the Internet. If, for various reasons, you are unable to find and/or play this song for students, simply read the lyrics with them.

Tell students that they are going to listen to a song, or song lyrics, titled “Follow the Drinking Gourd.” Explain that it was a coded song, which means it gave enslaved Africans a message about how to use the Underground Railroad to escape to freedom in the North. The plantation owners, however, did not realize the secret meaning of the words in the song. Explain to students that this is another way enslaved Africans could rebel against a plantation owner. Enslaved Africans often couldn’t rebel by fighting directly
with the plantation owner, because the plantation owner had guns and the enslaved Africans did not, but they could rebel by tricking the plantation owner like this.

After listening to the song, or the song lyrics, help students summarize the message in each verse and in the chorus. You may need to read each verse or play the song multiple times. The music and lyrics may be found on Instructional Master 2B-2.

**Multiple Meaning Word Activity**

**Multiple Choice: Flies**

[Have students hold up one or two fingers to indicate which image shows the meaning of the word being discussed.]

1. [Show Poster 2M (Flies).] In the read-aloud you heard, “Gnats, mosquitoes, and flies swarmed all around, buzzing and biting.” Which picture of flies matches the way flies is used in the lesson? (one)

2. *Flies* can also mean other things, like when something flies through the air like a bird or an airplane. Which picture matches this description of flies? (two)

3. Now with your neighbor, quiz each other on the different meanings of the word flies. Remember to be as descriptive as possible and use complete sentences. For example, you could say, “Superman flies through the sky.” And your neighbor should respond, “That’s ‘two’.”
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
✓ Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman
✓ Differentiate between the North and the South

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the North and the South T-Chart to explain the differences between the North and the South as described in the read-aloud “The Controversy Over Slavery” (RI.2.7)

✓ Compare and contrast the North and the South (RI.2.9)

✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “The Controversy Over Slavery” (W.2.2)

✓ With assistance, categorize and organize facts and information about the North and the South to answer questions (W.2.8)

✓ Interpret information presented, and then ask a question beginning with the word what to clarify information in “The Controversy Over Slavery” (SL.2.3)

✓ Share writing with others
Core Vocabulary

abolitionists, *n.* People who worked to abolish, or end, slavery
   *Example:* The abolitionists met together often to talk about their plans
to end slavery.
   *Variation(s):* abolitionist

agriculture, *n.* The science of producing crops; farming
   *Example:* Joey studied agriculture in college so he could learn how to
produce more food on his family farm.
   *Variation(s):* none

cotton, *n.* Soft, white fibers that surround the seeds of a cotton plant
   *Example:* Little wisps of cotton blew off the cotton plants and flew
through the air.
   *Variation(s):* none

economy, *n.* The system by which people produce and trade goods
   *Example:* Americans and people in other countries help make the U.S.
economy stronger when they buy goods produced within the United
States.
   *Variation(s):* economies

factories, *n.* Buildings where goods are manufactured, or made
   *Example:* There are many toy factories around the world that produce
children’s toys for people to buy.
   *Variation(s):* factory

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Introducing the Read-Aloud

What Have We Already Learned?

Have students listen to the song, or the song lyrics for, “Follow the Drinking Gourd” again. Review the content studied thus far with the following questions:

- What was “the drinking gourd”?
- Why were enslaved Africans told to follow “the drinking gourd”?
- Why did enslaved Africans want to escape from the plantations of the South?
- What was the system of escape from the South to the North called? Who were the conductors? Who were the passengers? What were stations?
- Who was a famous conductor on the Underground Railroad?

Essential Background Information or Terms

Tell students that in today’s read-aloud they will hear about some differences in the southern economy and the northern economy. The word economy describes the system by which people produce or make goods, or items, to trade or sell with others who want those goods. When people trade, buy, or sell goods with one another, they are cooperating. Because of this cooperation, people can get resources, such as food, clothing, and shelter they need, that they might otherwise not be able to produce or make for themselves. When more and more people engage in trading, buying, and selling goods, we say the economy is strong.

Lead students in a small discussion about what goods are produced in your community and where people in your community spend money.

Remind students they learned that Harriet Tubman worked on a tobacco plantation in the South. Plantations were an important
part of the southern economy—how the people in the South supported themselves and earned money to buy the things they needed. The southern economy depended on farmers and plantation owners to produce certain crops that other people wanted to buy. To produce these crops, southern plantation owners treated people from Africa unfairly by forcing them into slavery and making them work on their plantations for no money. Even though it was not their choice, enslaved Africans contributed valuable labor and skills to the success of the plantations. It was wrong of the plantation owners to treat enslaved Africans poorly just because they thought the African people were different from them. The community that developed among enslaved African Americans helped them survive because they relied on and helped each other.

Read the title of the read-aloud to students. Ask if anyone knows what the word controversy means. You may need to explain that a controversy is an argument or a disagreement that happens when people have differing opinions. You may wish to ask a couple of students to give examples of a controversy or disagreement they’ve had in the past with someone who had a different opinion about something. Ask students what they think the controversy over slavery was and who was involved in the controversy. Remind students that they heard in the Lesson 1 domain introduction that in different parts of the United States people had different opinions about slavery and that this controversy led to a war called a civil war. Ask if anyone remembers what a civil war is. You may need to explain that a civil war is a war between two different groups within the same country. Explain that this war was called the U.S. Civil War or the War Between the States. Explain that although different people had different views of slavery before the Civil War, slavery was wrong then as it is wrong today.

**Purpose for Listening**

Remind students that many enslaved Africans worked on large plantations in southern states and that they tried to escape to northern states where slavery was not allowed. Tell students to listen carefully to today’s read-aloud to learn more about the North and the South, how their ways of life and their economies were different, and why this caused a controversy over slavery.
Let’s go back to the year 1850, when Harriet Tubman escaped from a life of slavery in the South by running away to Pennsylvania, a northern state where slavery was not allowed. To divide the North and the South on a map of the United States, it is easiest if you use what is known as the Mason-Dixon Line. The Mason-Dixon Line is an imaginary line between the border of Pennsylvania and Maryland. It was named after two Englishmen, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who surveyed this land almost a hundred years earlier. The Mason-Dixon Line became an imaginary line between the North and the South. Slavery was allowed in the South, below the Mason-Dixon Line, but slavery was not allowed in the North, above the Mason-Dixon Line.

What were the major differences between the states in the North and the states in the South? Slavery was the most obvious difference between the North and the South, but it was not the only difference.

The South relied almost completely on agriculture, or farming, for its economy. The farmland and weather provided the right growing conditions for certain crops that grew well in the South, such as cotton, sugar, and tobacco. Most farms in the South were small with very few enslaved Africans or even none at all. But there were also enormous plantations—like the one where Harriet Tubman was enslaved—where the plantation owners who grew these crops forced hundreds of enslaved Africans to work day after day under horrible conditions for no wages at all. On these plantations, enslaved Africans worked together, helping each other so their lives would be a little less hard. The crops grown on these
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plantations were bought by people in the North and as far away as Great Britain, and that helped the southern economy grow.

The North had farms, too, but they were different from the large, southern plantations. Some farmers in the North grew corn and wheat, as well as other fruits and vegetables. Some northern farmers also had livestock like cattle, sheep, and pigs. But the North did not have the right weather for growing the crops that were grown in the South, crops like cotton, sugar, and tobacco. People in the North could buy those crops from farmers in the South. So, farmers in the North grew crops mainly for feeding people and animals, and enslaved Africans were not used on those farms.

Show image 3A-3: Railroad and factory in the North

Unlike the southern economy, which relied on agriculture, the northern economy was focused more on industry and manufacturing. That meant workers were paid to make things in factories, often using machines. Many northern cities were trading centers for iron, coal, and wood. Northern cities had factories for turning iron into steel, a strong metal that would then be sent to other factories to make trains, engines, buildings, bridges, tools, weapons, and all sorts of other things. Northern cities also had factories for making bottles and jars, furniture, clothing, books, and much more.

The factories in the North had access to railroads and shipping ports to distribute the goods made there. Because the South wasn’t producing a lot of these things in their region, they could buy these goods from the North. People as far away as Great Britain would buy steel from northern factories, helping the northern economy.

Show image 3A-4: Factory workers

Factories were an important part of the northern economy. Thousands and thousands of people worked in northern factories. These factory workers were not slaves. They were paid for their hard work. It was true that factory bosses could be harsh, the
pay was often pitiful, and the work difficult, dangerous, and tiring. However, factory workers did have more freedom than slaves, and they had the possibility of a better life.

Even though slavery became illegal, or against the law, in the North before it became illegal in the South, not everyone in the North was against slavery. Because slavery was not a part of their everyday life, some people in the North didn’t really think much about it.

A small group of people in the North, however, were absolutely against slavery, no matter what it did for the economy. These people saw slavery as evil; they thought people from Africa should be treated as free human beings. These people saw slavery as the cruel and hateful practice that it was. People who worked to abolish, or end, slavery became known as **abolitionists**.¹¹ This group of abolitionists continued to grow larger and larger over time.

By the mid-1800s, there were thousands of abolitionists. Some became famous, like Frederick Douglass (who had been an enslaved African who escaped), Wendell Philips, and Susan B. Anthony.¹² Those three are pictured here, but they were just a few of the thousands of people involved in the abolitionist movement. The abolitionist movement refers to organized activities or events to end slavery.

Harriet Tubman was also a famous abolitionist in addition to being a famous conductor on the Underground Railroad. She not only helped enslaved Africans escape, she also went around talking to people in the North, telling them why it was important to abolish slavery, and explaining what they could do to help enslaved Africans. This image shows abolitionists working on the Underground Railroad.¹³ Abolitionists helped to keep the Underground Railroad running smoothly, making sure that as many people as possible were able to escape slavery.

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¹¹ What did abolitionists want to end?

¹² [Point to the abolitionists.] You will hear more about Susan B. Anthony and her work in the Fighting for a Cause domain.

¹³ What was the Underground Railroad?
Harriet Tubman met and worked alongside many famous abolitionists. They printed newspapers with names like *The Liberator*, and they pressured, or convinced, political leaders like Abraham Lincoln to see why slavery was wrong. The abolitionist movement became a strong force in America—one that could not be ignored.

Abolitionists and enslaved Africans worked together in other ways to rebel against plantation owners and bring an end to slavery. While many enslaved people were being helped to freedom along the Underground Railroad, others were trying to rebel, or fight back, against the plantation owners in the South. One such event took place in Virginia in the area that is now known as Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. In that event, an abolitionist named John Brown tried to get guns and other weapons to slaves to help them rebel against the plantation owners. In another event, a slave named Nat Turner led a group of slaves to rebel against plantation owners in Virginia. In South Carolina, another formerly enslaved African named Denmark Vesey helped plan a large rebellion against plantation owners in Charleston. Denmark Vesey’s plan was discovered before it could be carried out, however. There were also many, many small acts of rebellion by enslaved Africans against those who enslaved them. Even in these years leading up to the Civil War, there were many violent events in which many people lost their lives in the struggle to end slavery.

The United States was growing, spreading west and adding new states. As the country expanded west, so did the Mason-Dixon Line. By the 1850s, states north of the Mason-Dixon Line were free states—in other words, slavery was against the law. In the states south of the Mason-Dixon Line, slavery continued to be
legal. And there were more territories to the west that would soon be joining the country.

The more the country grew, the more reasons people found to argue over the problem of slavery. As abolitionists fought to end slavery, they also wanted to make sure the new territories and new states did not allow slavery. Others, though, did not agree with the abolitionists and felt that new states should be able to decide for themselves whether or not slavery would be legal. By the 1850s, it was clear that the problem of what to do about slavery—whether to end it or allow it to continue and to spread—was tearing the country apart.

**Discussing the Read-Aloud**

**Comprehension Questions**

If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images. If students give one-word answers and/or fail to use read-aloud or domain vocabulary in their responses, acknowledge correct responses by expanding students’ responses using richer and more complex language. Ask students to answer in complete sentences by having them restate the question in their responses.

1. **Literal** What is the Mason-Dixon Line? (an imaginary line separating the North and the South; the border between Pennsylvania and Maryland) [Have a student point to the Mason-Dixon Line on the map.]

2. **Inferential** What were some differences between the North and the South? (Slavery was not allowed in the North but it was in the South; manufacturing goods in factories was important for the northern economy, whereas agriculture was important for the southern economy; factory workers in the North earned wages, whereas slaves in the South were not paid.)
3. **Inferential** [Show Image Card 5 (factory). Help students identify the image.] Were factories more common in the North or the South? (the North) Why? (The North had the materials and other resources to make the goods, and they had access to the railroads and shipping ports to distribute them.)

4. **Inferential** [Show Image Cards 2, 3, and 4. Help students identify the images.] Were cotton, sugar, and tobacco grown mostly in the North or in the South? (the South) Why did the South grow these crops? (The South had better farmland and weather for growing these crops, which they could trade and sell. This helped the economy of the South.)

5. **Literal** Who were abolitionists? (Abolitionists were people who worked to abolish, or end, slavery.)

6. **Inferential** What things did Harriet Tubman do that show she was an abolitionist? (She was a conductor on the Underground Railroad; she talked to people in the North to tell them why slavery should be abolished and how they could help; and she worked with others who printed newspapers that were intended to convince political leaders that slavery was wrong.)

[Please continue to model the Question? Pair Share process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

7. **Evaluative** *What? Pair Share:* Asking questions after a read-aloud is one way to see how much everyone has learned. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the read-aloud that starts with the word *what.* For example, you could ask, “What was good for the southern economy?” Turn to your neighbor and ask your *what* question. Listen to your neighbor’s response. Then your neighbor will ask a new *what* question, and you will get a chance to respond. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.

8. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]
1. In the read-aloud you heard, “The South relied almost completely on agriculture, or farming, for its economy.”

2. Say the word economy with me.

3. The word economy describes the system by which people produce and trade goods.

4. The more people around the world who buy goods produced from China, the stronger the Chinese economy becomes because they are earning more money for their country.

5. Do you know or have you heard something about the economy? Try to use the word economy when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I heard that the economy is . . .”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?

Use a Discussion activity. Directions: Many factors influence the economy of a place. Climate and natural resources are two factors out of many that influence the economy of an area. Discuss what makes up the economy of the area in which you live. Discuss the types of economies found in different parts of your state. [You may choose to record ideas on chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard. Encourage students to use the word economy in a complete sentence.]

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
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The North and the South T-Chart
(Instructional Master 3B-1, optional)

Create a T-Chart on chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard. Label one column “the North” and the other “the South.”

Have students share what they have learned about “the North.” Record students’ responses in the corresponding column. Next, have students share what they have learned about “the South,” and record their responses in the corresponding column. You may wish to promote discussion by reviewing images from today’s read-aloud. Encourage students to use domain vocabulary learned thus far in the domain. Tell students that you are going to write down what they say, but that they are not expected to be able to read every word that you write because they are still mastering the rules for decoding. Emphasize that you are writing what they say so that you don’t forget, and tell them that you will read the words to them. Once the chart has been completed, read it to the class.

Above and Beyond: For those students who are ready to do so, have them fill in their own charts using Instructional Master 3B-1.

Above and Beyond: You may also wish to give students the chance to research the questions raised and discussed during the Word Work exercise about the word economy.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 3B-2)

Tell students that they are going to use Instructional Master 3B-2 to write down some of the differences between the North and the South. Have the class think about what they heard in today’s read-aloud and also what was recorded on the North and the South T-Chart. Tell students to write at least three sentences explaining how the North and the South were different. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.
Give students the opportunity to share their drawings and writing with a partner or with the class.

**Domain–Related Trade Book**

Refer to the list of recommended trade books in the Introduction and choose one that provides information about the abolitionists to read aloud to the class. As you read, pause and ask occasional questions, rapidly clarifying critical vocabulary within the context of the read-aloud, etc. After you finish reading the trade book, lead students in a discussion as to how the information in the book relates to the read-aloud they heard today.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
✓ Describe the adult life and contributions of Abraham Lincoln
✓ Demonstrate familiarity with the poem “Lincoln”

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Determine the central message in the poem “Lincoln” (RL.2.2)
✓ Describe the connection between a series of historical events in Abraham Lincoln’s life, the effect of these events on his views of slavery, and how his views changed the views of others in the read-aloud “Abraham Lincoln” (RI.2.3)
✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “Abraham Lincoln” (W.2.2)
✓ Summarize orally text from the read-aloud “Abraham Lincoln” using the Flip Book images from the read-aloud (SL.2.2)
✓ Interpret information presented, and then ask a question beginning with the word who to clarify information in “Abraham Lincoln” (SL.2.3)
✓ Provide antonyms of core vocabulary words, such as expand
  (L.2.5a)

✓ Share writing with others

Core Vocabulary

candidates, n. People who are chosen to run, or compete against others,
for an office, prize, or honor
Example: The candidates for president talked about why they would be
the best person for the job.
Variation(s): candidate

debates, n. Discussions involving two sides; arguments
Example: Larry liked his social studies class because his teacher
allowed debates, helping students understand the two sides of an
argument.
Variation(s): debate

expand, v. To spread out; to become greater in size
Example: The balloon began to expand as Mandy blew into it.
Variation(s): expands, expanded, expanding

government, n. A group of people who help lead a country
Example: People sometimes disagree with decisions made by the
government.
Variation(s): governments

politicians, n. People involved in the activities of a government
Example: The politicians gave speeches on the importance of education
in their communities.
Variation(s): politician

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What Do We Know?

Students who used the Core Knowledge Language Arts program in Kindergarten and Grade 1 should be familiar with Abraham Lincoln.

Have students share what they already know about Abraham Lincoln. Remind students that he was a lawyer in Illinois, and his nickname was “Honest Abe.”

Poetry Reading

Tell students that you are going to read a poem by Nancy Byrd Turner titled “Lincoln.” Tell students to listen carefully to find out what Turner shares about Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln

by Nancy Byrd Turner

There was a boy of other days,
A quiet, awkward, earnest lad,
Who trudged long weary miles to get
A book on which his heart was set—
And then no candle had!

He was too poor to buy a lamp
But very wise in woodmen’s ways.
He gathered seasoned bough and stem,
And crisping leaf, and kindled them
Into a ruddy blaze.
Then as he lay full length and read,
The firelight flickered on his face,
And etched his shadow on the gloom,
And made a picture in the room,
In that most humble place.

The hard years came, the hard years went,
But, gentle, brave, and strong of will,
He met them all. And when today
We see his pictured face, we say,
“There’s light upon it still.”

Reread each verse, and help students to summarize it in their own words:

• Verse 1: When Lincoln was just a boy, he walked for miles to get a book to read but had no light to read by at night.

• Verse 2: Lincoln made a fire to have light to read by since he was too poor to buy a lamp.

• Verse 3: The light from the fire cast Lincoln’s shadow in the room as he read.

• Verse 4: Lincoln is still remembered today for his character and accomplishments.

Ask students where they have seen Lincoln’s picture. You may wish to show students a penny or a five-dollar bill.

**Essential Background Information or Terms**

Tell students that today’s read-aloud takes place many years after Abraham Lincoln was a young boy reading by the fire, but a few years before he was trying to get elected president of the United States. Explain that this read-aloud describes the period of time Abraham Lincoln was trying to get elected to be one of two senators from the state of Illinois. Explain that every state in the United States elects two senators to send to Washington, D.C. The senators of each state represent the people of their state in the Senate. The Senate is part of Congress, the part of the central government of the United States that makes the laws for the entire
country. In this read-aloud, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas are competing with one another to become one of the senators from Illinois. To do this, they travel around the state of Illinois giving speeches about what each would do if he gets elected, and debating each other, or in other words discussing their differences in public. One of Lincoln's and Douglas's major differences is what each would do about slavery.

Purpose for Listening

Tell students that today's read-aloud begins with two men from Illinois who are friends. One of the men, named Frank, is a farmer, and the other, named Tom, lives and works in town. They have come to the town of Alton, Illinois, to hear Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debate one another so they can decide who to vote for in the next Senate election. A newspaper owner named William Foote is also attending the debate so he can write about it in his newspaper. Slavery is a big part of the debate. Tell students to listen carefully to see if they can figure out what the disagreement is about, and what Tom, the towns-person, and Frank, the farmer, think.
It was a cool October morning in the year 1858. In a town called Alton, in Illinois, workers were putting the finishing touches on a wooden platform in front of a crowd at City Hall. A sharp, cold breeze rustled through the trees, sending showers of crisp red and yellow leaves fluttering through the air.

Two of these men in the crowd were old friends, though they had not seen one another for a long time. One was a farmer. He was dusty after driving his horse and buggy all the way to town on the dirt roads. The other man lived in town. He was dressed in a clean, gray suit.

“Good to see you, Frank. How is your farm doing, and how was the corn crop this year?”

“Oh, it could have been better. The rains came a little late, but it was good enough, I suppose,” Frank said, brushing dust from his jacket. He looked around at the faces in the crowd. “You know, Tom, I suppose it has been a lot longer than I thought since I have been to town, because I hardly recognize a single face in this crowd.”

“That’s because most of these people are not from around here,” Tom said. “I was just talking to a man from Kentucky, and I met others who said they had crossed the river from Missouri this morning. It seems odd to me that so many people are so eager to come and listen to two politicians from Illinois.”

“There’s nothing strange about it,” said another man who was standing nearby. “Forgive me for interrupting, but I couldn’t help but overhear your conversation. I’m William Foote, owner of the
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Daily Pentagraph newspaper, out of Bloomington. I'll tell you gentlemen, these two politicians are going to talk about a problem that impacts our entire country, from here to Boston and all the way to Texas. That is why people from outside Illinois are so interested in what they have to say.”

“Well, I’ll tell you what I think, Mr. Foote,” said Tom. “The problem is not slavery. The problem is that the government wants to tell people how to live their lives. The fact of the matter is that the people should have the right to decide for themselves whether slavery should be allowed in their state or allowed to expand to new states. We don’t need politicians in Washington, D.C., telling us what’s best for folks in Missouri and Kansas and Texas, or Illinois for that matter.”

“That’s not how Mr. Lincoln sees things,” said Mr. Foote. “Lincoln says that he does not see how the United States can survive if half the country thinks slavery is wrong and half the country thinks it is right.”

“We will see about that,” said Tom. “Our nation and its government have survived since July 4, 1776, and slavery has been there all along. And we will all be fine, as long as the government quits trying to tell everyone how to live their lives. Don’t you agree, Frank?”

Frank thought for a minute and rubbed his chin. “Honestly, I’m not really sure, Tom. I think this Lincoln fellow might have a good point when he says that slavery is tearing our country apart. But what do I know. That is why I have come here today, to try to get a better understanding.”

“Well, you will not be disappointed,” said Mr. Foote. “I have been to each of their six previous debates, this one being the seventh and last before the Senate election next month, and I can tell you that you will not find two men who disagree more on the issue of whether slavery should be allowed to expand.”
Should slavery be allowed to expand to new states? That was the true heart of the debate. In 1858, when he was running for the Senate, Abraham Lincoln said he just wanted to stop slavery from spreading to new areas of the country in the West. In other words, Lincoln did not support abolishing, or ending, slavery where it already existed in the South. At that time, the United States was made up of the North, where slavery was illegal, or not allowed by law, and the South, where slavery was legal, or allowed by law. The United States was only just beginning to grow into a bigger country, spreading west across the Mississippi River.  

That wide and mighty river, flowing from Minnesota all the way down to the Gulf of Mexico, ran right past the town of Alton. Just across the river was the state of Missouri, which had only been a state since 1821. Slavery was legal in Missouri, as it was in the nearby state of Kentucky, but slavery was illegal in Illinois.

There was a lot of land beyond Missouri, but there were not many states, at least not yet. A huge portion of that land was still divided into territories, regions that were organized with a government of their own, but were not yet a state or states under the national government. The Kansas Territory was one example. Lots of people were moving west to settle in Kansas, and it was on its way to becoming a new state. The people of Kansas would be able to vote on whether or not to allow slavery to expand to their new state. However, the people in Kansas were divided on the issue of slavery. They were so divided, in fact, that the Kansas Territory was known for its severe fighting over whether slavery should be allowed.

At last, the two candidates, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, appeared on the stage. The crowd applauded and then settled down to listen to the debate. Both men had become rather famous over the past few months, not just in Illinois and surrounding states, but all over the country. The Lincoln-Douglas
debates had been covered in newspapers as far away as Boston, New York, and Atlanta, for these two men represented two very different sides of the slavery issue.16

Stephen Douglas was a short, plump man, and a great speaker. He believed, as did Tom from earlier in the read-aloud, that the problem of slavery should be solved by each state, and not by the U.S. government. In other words, each state should decide whether to make slavery legal or illegal, and that the U.S. government should have no say over this issue.

Lincoln, on the other hand, thought the U.S. government had a right to prevent the spread of slavery to new parts of the country. The people of the South, especially those who supported slavery, did not like Lincoln for his belief in the power of the U.S. government over the power of the states. They worried that one day the U.S. government might try to tell the South what to do, especially that the government might tell them to abolish slavery.

Lincoln had a reputation of being a powerful and highly intelligent man. He was born on a Kentucky farm but moved to Indiana and then to Illinois, where he was raised in a one-room cabin. Young Lincoln spent his days working on the farm. He only went to school for a year or two as a child. Nevertheless, he became what is known as self-educated. He read everything he could get his hands on, and by the time he was an adult, he had more knowledge than most people who had attended school for many years. Lincoln eventually taught himself about law, and he became a well-known lawyer in Illinois.

Despite his reputation for strength and intelligence, and his uncommonly tall, thin body, people were always surprised when Lincoln opened his mouth. Lincoln had a high-pitched, squeaky voice—not the sort of voice people expected to hear. But it was always worthwhile to hear what he had to say.
“What is it that we hold most dear amongst us?” Lincoln asked the crowd that day in Alton. “It is our own freedom and wealth. And what has ever threatened our freedom and wealth except this institution of slavery? If this be true, how will we improve things by expanding slavery—by spreading it out and making it bigger?”

How, Lincoln asked, could America continue to be one united nation if it allowed slavery to spread to new states? Mr. Foote, the newspaperman, looked around at the faces in the crowd, and he could tell that Lincoln was winning the debate; more people liked what he had to say.

Even those who were not against slavery, or did not think that it was wrong, would have a hard time trying to prove that it was not tearing the country apart. In an earlier speech, Lincoln said, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” In other words, could a country continue when its citizens held such different opinions about what was right and wrong?

As it turned out, Stephen Douglas was a truly powerful politician—he ended up winning the Senate seat, but Abraham Lincoln had definitely brought attention to himself. These two men met again two years later, as both campaigned to become president of the United States. That race had a very different ending.
Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images. If students give one-word answers and/or fail to use read-aloud or domain vocabulary in their responses, acknowledge correct responses by expanding students’ responses using richer and more complex language. Ask students to answer in complete sentences by having them restate the question in their responses.

1. **Inferential** What kinds of things did Lincoln do as an adult? (He was a lawyer; he spoke out against slavery; he debated Douglas for a Senate seat; he campaigned to become president of the United States.)

2. **Inferential** What did Lincoln do as a child that helped him prepare to be a lawyer and debater? (He read many books.)

3. **Inferential** Why did people come from several states and territories to hear the Lincoln-Douglas debate? (People wanted to hear their opinions on slavery.)

4. **Inferential** How did Lincoln feel about slavery? (He didn’t want it to expand to new states. He felt it was dividing the nation.)

5. **Evaluative** If you had been at this Lincoln-Douglas debate and met Lincoln, what would you have said to him or asked him? (Answers may vary.)

6. **Inferential** Who did Mr. Foote think had won the debate? (Lincoln) Why? (because more people seemed to agree with him that slavery was tearing the country apart)

7. **Evaluative** What is a politician? (a person involved in the work of the government) Would you like to be a politician like Lincoln or Douglas? Why or why not? (Answers may vary.)

[Please continue to model the Question? Pair Share process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]
8. **Evaluative Who? Pair Share:** Asking questions after a read-aloud is one way to see how much everyone has learned. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the read-aloud that starts with the word who. For example, you could ask, “Who did you hear about in today’s read-aloud?” Turn to your neighbor and ask your who question. Listen to your neighbor’s response. Then your neighbor will ask a new who question, and you will get a chance to respond. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.

9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Expand**

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “People should have the right to decide for themselves whether slavery should be allowed in their state or allowed to expand to new states.”

2. Say the word *expand* with me.

3. To *expand* means to spread out and become larger.

4. When you breathe in, your lungs expand to make room for the air.

5. Can you think of a time when you have seen or felt something expand? Try to use the word *expand* when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I saw ______ expand when . . .”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about? What part of speech is the word *expand*?
Use an *Antonyms* activity for follow-up. Directions: You have heard that the word *expand* means to grow and become bigger. The word *shrink* is an antonym, or opposite, of the word *expand*. To shrink means to become smaller. I am going to read descriptions of several situations. If I describe something getting bigger, say, “That is an example of *expand*.” If I describe something getting smaller, say, “That is an example of *shrink*.”

1. Joanna’s birthday balloons are starting to lose their air. (That is an example of *shrink*.)
2. Billy asked his parents if they would increase his allowance. (That is an example of *expand*.)
3. Sally’s blue jeans fresh out of the dryer were so tight she had trouble zipping them up. (That is an example of *shrink*.)
4. The amount of snow seems to be less and less every year. (That is an example of *shrink*.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Image Review

One by one, show Flip Book images 4A-1 through 4A-7. Ask students to explain what is happening in each picture. Help them to create a continuous narrative, retelling the read-aloud. As students discuss each image, remember to repeat and expand upon each response using richer and more complex language, including, if possible, any read-aloud vocabulary.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 4B-1)

Have students use Instructional Master 4B-1 to describe the kinds of things Lincoln did as an adult and how he felt about slavery. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their drawings and writing with a partner or with the class.

Vocabulary Instructional Activity

Word Work: Issue

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “[T]he people in Kansas were divided on the issue of slavery.”

2. Say the word issue with me.

3. An issue is a problem or topic that people are talking about, and may disagree about.

4. My sister and I care deeply about the issue of healthy school lunches for all students.

5. Can you think of an issue you care about? Try to use the word issue when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “An issue I care about is ______ because . . .”]
6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about? What part of speech is the word *issue*?

Use a *Making Choices* activity for follow-up. Directions: I am going to give several examples. If the example describes something that would be an issue, you should say, “That is an issue,” and explain why it is an issue. If the example does not describe an issue, you should say, “That is not an issue.”

1. Thomas and his friends discussed their town’s decision to close one of the town parks; five of his friends thought it was a good idea, and five thought it was a bad idea. (That is an issue.)

2. When our teacher asked whether we wanted to take a walk or listen to a story, we all said we wanted to listen to a story. (That is not an issue.)

3. Ms. Sanchez’s second-grade class debated the school’s decision to add new foods to their lunchroom menu. (That is an issue.)

4. When Jamal and Lisa finally stopped arguing and listened carefully to what each other said, they realized they actually agreed with each other. (That is not an issue.)

5. Antonio and his friends discussed whether they liked cake or ice cream better. (That is not an issue.)
The Division of the United States

Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
✓ Describe the adult life and contributions of Abraham Lincoln
✓ Differentiate between the Union and the Confederacy and the states associated with each
✓ Describe why the southern states seceded from the United States

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from a map and map key to understand which states belonged to the Union and which belonged to the Confederacy (RI.2.7)
✓ Interpret information from a timeline to sequence some of the important events surrounding the U.S. Civil War (RI.2.7)
✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “The Division of the United States” (W.2.2)
✓ With assistance, categorize and organize facts and information to write about the differences between the Union and the Confederacy as part of the Civil War Journal activity (W.2.8)
✓ Ask questions to clarify directions for the Map of the Union and Confederacy activity (SL.2.3)

✓ Share writing with others

✓ Prior to listening to “The Division of the United States,” orally predict whether the country is pulled apart by differing views on slavery, and then compare the actual outcome to the prediction

✓ Prior to listening to “The Division of the United States,” orally identify what they know and have learned about Abraham Lincoln, the North and the South, and differing views regarding slavery

Core Vocabulary

Confederacy, n. The government formed by the states in the South after they withdrew from the United States
Example: The Confederacy was prepared to fight to keep the South’s way of life.
Variation(s): none

elected, v. Chosen by a vote to do something or be in a certain position
Example: Gene was elected by his fellow students to be the new class president.
Variation(s): elect, elects, electing

heritage, n. Something that is inherited, or passed down; traditions, or ways of doing things that haven’t changed over time
Example: Abby’s grandmother encouraged her to be proud of her Native American heritage.
Variation(s): heritages

seceded, v. Withdrew membership from an established group
Example: People have seceded from groups throughout history, usually to form a new group.
Variation(s): secede, secedes, seceding

Union, n. The northern states that did not secede from the United States
Example: The Union was prepared to fight to keep the states together and to abolish slavery.
Variation(s): none
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Introducing the Read-Aloud

What Have We Already Learned?

Review some of the content studied thus far with the following questions:

- What important issue did Lincoln talk about in his debate with Douglas?
- How did Lincoln feel about slavery?
- In what part of the country was slavery illegal, or not allowed?
- In what part of the country was slavery legal, or allowed?
- What were some other ways that the North and the South were different?

Making Predictions About the Read-Aloud

Reread the second to last paragraph from the previous read-aloud:

Even those who were not against slavery, or did not think that it was wrong, would have a hard time trying to prove that it was not tearing the country apart. In an earlier speech, Lincoln said, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

Ask students what they think it means to say that the country was being torn apart, or what it means to say, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” Have them predict what is going to happen to the country because of people’s differing views on slavery.

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out whether their predictions are correct.
Abraham Lincoln won the presidential election in 1860 to become the sixteenth president of the United States. Unfortunately, the election only proved how divided the country really was. Lincoln believed that slavery should not be expanded to the new states being formed in the West. Many people in the North agreed with this idea and voted for Lincoln. In the South, many people disliked Lincoln; and in fact, people could not even vote for Lincoln in nine states in the South because his name was not on their list of candidates. Despite not being on the ballot in nine states, and without the support of a single southern state, on November 8, 1860, Lincoln was elected, or chosen, president because there were more people living in the North who voted for him. Many of the southern states strongly believed that the North and President Lincoln wanted to take away their right to set their own laws and wanted to abolish slavery. The conflict was worsening.

A couple of months after Lincoln was elected president, something unbelievable happened—something Lincoln and many others had feared and hoped would never happen. Several southern states seceded, or declared they were no longer part of the United States. South Carolina was the first state to secede. The states of Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas soon followed.

All seven supported slavery, and all believed that the U.S. government, under Lincoln, would force them into doing things they did not want to do, such as abolish slavery. These southern states intensely believed that they should be in charge of themselves. So they broke away and declared that they were forming their own...
country. They called their new country the Confederate States of America, or the Confederacy for short. The Confederacy elected its own president, a man named Jefferson Davis.

**Show image 5A-3: Charleston in 1861**

But Lincoln was not going to allow the United States of America to be broken up into two separate countries. Lincoln said that it was against national law for a state to secede. Therefore, he said that he would do everything in his power to unify the country. He hoped that he would be able to do this peacefully, without a war. Nobody wanted a war, including Jefferson Davis, but as the months passed, it became clear that it would be impossible to avoid it.

To learn what happened next, it is important to know about an event that took place in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, in April of 1861, just after Lincoln became president. Charleston was a beautiful, charming, and wealthy city in the South. Its residents were proud—proud of their beautiful city and proud of their southern heritage. Charleston was an important port city. From its harbor, valuable goods such as cotton, sugar, and tobacco—which had been grown and harvested by enslaved Africans on plantations—were carried by ships across the sea to countries in Europe.

**Show image 5A-4: Fort Sumter**

Important ports like Charleston needed protection, so they built forts along the shore. The largest and most important of these forts was called Fort Sumter. Forts like these, with their large cannons and soldiers, were built to protect the harbor from invasion by pirates and enemy ships in times of war.

Although Fort Sumter was in South Carolina, a Confederate state, the fort still belonged to the United States. The Confederates wanted Fort Sumter for themselves. They knew that they could not have a real country of their own as long as U.S. soldiers were guarding the fort and controlling its guns.
Fort Sumter also created a problem for President Lincoln—it was a fort located in an area now claimed by the Confederacy. President Lincoln now had three options: (1) tell the U.S. soldiers to leave the fort, (2) send more U.S. soldiers to defend the fort against the Confederate soldiers, or (3) send supplies, such as food, to the fort to see if the Confederate soldiers would try to stop them. This was a difficult decision.

If President Lincoln chose the first option—having U.S. soldiers leave the fort—he would be saying that he agreed with South Carolina’s decision to secede. If he chose the second option—sending more troops to defend the fort—the Confederacy might accuse him of starting a war. President Lincoln chose the third option—sending new supplies to see if the Confederacy would let the ships through.

At the same time, the Confederates raised an army of their own. They surrounded Fort Sumter and tried to convince the soldiers inside to surrender. But the soldiers said they had orders from President Lincoln to stay put, and that is exactly what those soldiers did! When the Confederacy heard President Lincoln was planning to send more supplies to the fort, the Confederacy opened fire.

Early on the morning of April 12, 1861, before the sun had even risen, a woman named Mary Boykin Chesnut sat upright in her bed, as though she’d awakened from a bad dream. Then she heard a sound—the same type of sound that had shaken her from her sleep: a distant, low boom as described in her diary.

Thinking it must be thunder, she put her head back down on the pillow. The room was pitch black, but through the window she could see that the sun was just barely beginning to rise, casting a light blue, slightly yellow light in the eastern sky.

Suddenly, there was a series of very loud explosions—BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! These sounds were much closer. Mary Chesnut
knew then that the sounds were from cannons, not thunder! The cannons in the small fort nearest the town were opening fire, and Mrs. Chesnut knew that these were Confederate cannons.

Mary walked out onto the upstairs porch in time to see the light from the nearby cannons as they fired another volley into the early morning air. Mary was witnessing the bombardment of Fort Sumter.

Show image 5A-6: Mary Chesnut writing in her journal

All morning, all afternoon, and all through the night—for thirty-four straight hours—the Confederate cannons fired on Fort Sumter. The U.S. soldiers in the fort had cannons of their own, and they fired back. The air around Charleston filled with smoke from the explosions of the massive guns. As the house rattled from the boom of the guns, Mary Chesnut sat down and wrote in her journal: “Fort Sumter has been on fire . . .”

Then, in the early evening of April 13, all the guns fell silent, and the U.S. soldiers in Fort Sumter finally surrendered. Amazingly, nobody on either side had been killed or seriously injured by enemy fire. Damaged Fort Sumter now belonged to the Confederacy. More important, it became clear that war could not be avoided.

Show image 5A-7: Map of all states that seceded from the Union

After the Battle of Fort Sumter, more southern states joined the Confederacy: Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina, as well as portions of Kentucky and Missouri. In all, there were thirteen Confederate States, all from the South. It is important to remember that the states of Kentucky and Missouri did not actually secede from the United States, even though some people from those states decided to fight for the Confederacy. The remaining states, those that had not seceded, were in the North, and they became known as the Union.
The Confederacy made a flag to symbolize its new country. The Confederate flag pictured at the bottom left has seven stars to symbolize the first set of states that seceded from the Union. The flag pictured at the bottom right with thirteen stars symbolizes the Confederacy after the Battle of Fort Sumter, when more states joined. States in the Union continued to fly the traditional flag of the United States, pictured at the top, which at the time of the Civil War had thirty-four stars—one for each state, including the Confederate states.

With the Battle of Fort Sumter, a new and painful chapter of American history began. Mary Chesnut, for her part, continued to write in her journal, keeping a record of the Civil War through the eyes of a Southerner. By the end of the war, Charleston—where it all began—was very fortunate that it was not burned to the ground like many other cities in the South.

**Discussing the Read-Aloud 15 minutes**

**Comprehension Questions 10 minutes**

If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images. If students give one-word answers and/or fail to use read-aloud or domain vocabulary in their responses, acknowledge correct responses by expanding students’ responses using richer and more complex language. Ask students to answer in complete sentences by having them restate the question in their responses.

1. **Evaluative** Were your predictions about whether the country was being torn apart because of its differing views on slavery correct? Why or why not? (Answers may vary.)

2. **Literal** To what important job was Lincoln elected a couple of years after losing the Senate race to Douglas? (the presidency)
3. **Literal** What was the word *Union* a name for? (the states that did not secede) [Show Image Card 8 (Union flag).] Does this image show the flag of the Union or the Confederacy? (the Union) How do you know? (Because it has more than thirteen stars; etc.)

4. **Inferential** Why did South Carolina and then additional southern states decide to secede from the United States once Lincoln was elected? (They thought the government would try to stop the spread of slavery and make slavery illegal. Those states wanted to decide for themselves whether or not they could be slave states.)

5. **Literal** What name did these states give their new country? (the Confederate States of America) [Show Image Card 7 (Confederate flag).] Does this image show the flag of the Union or the Confederacy? (the Confederacy) How do you know? (Because it has thirteen stars, whereas the U.S. flag had thirty-four.)

6. **Inferential** How did Lincoln feel about the southern states seceding? (He said that it was against national law and tried to prevent it from happening. He wanted to keep the country unified.)

7. **Inferential** Why did the Confederates fire cannons on Fort Sumter? (They wanted the fort for themselves and the new country they were trying to form.) Were they able to take over the fort? (yes)

[Please continue to model the *Think Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

I am going to ask a couple of questions. I will give you a minute to think about the questions, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the questions. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

8. **Evaluative** *Think Pair Share*: Why do you think Mary Chesnut took the time to write about the bombardment of Fort Sumter in her diary? (She wanted to remember what happened; it made her feel better to express her feelings; etc.) What did she see and hear? (cannons, fire, smoke, etc.) How do you think she felt? (worried, nervous, excited for the South, etc.)
9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Confederacy and Union**

5 minutes

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “[The southern states] called their new country the Confederate States of America, or the Confederacy for short,” and “The remaining states, those that had not seceded, were in the North, and they became known as the Union.”

2. Say the words Confederacy and Union with me.

3. The states of the South that seceded from the United States were called the Confederacy, and the states of the North that did not secede were called the Union.

4. All of the battles between the Confederacy and the Union are called the U.S. Civil War.

5. What do you remember about the Confederacy and the Union from the read-aloud? Try to use the words Confederacy and Union when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “The Confederacy was . . .” “The Union was . . .”]

6. What are the words we’ve been talking about?
Use a *Making Choices* activity for follow-up. Directions: You have heard the words *Confederacy* and *Union* in today’s read-aloud. I am going to read several sentences. If I describe something about the Confederacy, say, “That was the Confederacy.” If I describe something about the Union, say, “That was the Union.”

1. We fought to take Fort Sumter away from the United States and keep it for ourselves. (That was the Confederacy.)
2. We made our own flag with thirteen stars, one for each state that had seceded. (That was the Confederacy.)
3. We fought to keep all of the states together as one. (That was the Union.)
4. We fought to protect the heritage of the South. (That was the Confederacy.)
5. We supported Abraham Lincoln and had a flag with thirty-four stars, one for each original state. (That was the Union.)
6. We were led by President Lincoln. (That was the Union.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Tell students that they are going to use the map key to color the states of the Union and the Confederacy. Have students look at the symbol for the Union, and ask them if they can name any states that were part of the Union. Have students look at the symbol for the Confederacy, and ask if they can name any states that were part of the Confederacy. Point out the third symbol, and explain that it is used for Kentucky and Missouri (in addition to West Virginia, Kansas, Delaware, and Maryland) because those states did not actually secede, but parts of the states supported the Confederacy. Point out the various territories that had not yet become states.

Ask students to color the Union states blue and the Confederate states gray. (You may also wish to point out to students that Oregon and California were a part of the Union, even though they were way out West. Tell students to color California and Oregon blue.) Kentucky and Missouri should be colored green. (Additionally, students may color in West Virginia, Kansas, Delaware, and Maryland since they share the same symbols on the map as Kentucky and Missouri.)

Say: “Asking questions is one way to make sure everyone knows what to do. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the directions I have just given you. For example, you could ask, ‘What color is used to represent the states of the Union?’ Turn to your neighbor and ask your own question now. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.”
Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 5B-2)

Have students use Instructional Master 5B-2 to explain the differences between the Union and the Confederacy. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or the class.

Timeline

Help students begin to create a timeline to help them remember the sequence of some important events of this domain. Remind students that Abraham Lincoln was elected president in 1860. Place Image Card 9 (Abraham Lincoln) on the timeline. Ask students if they think Harriet Tubman gained her freedom before or after Lincoln was elected president. (before Lincoln became president) Ask students if Image Card 10 (Harriet Tubman) should be placed to the left or right of Lincoln to show that she gained her freedom before Lincoln became president.

Show students Image Card 11 (The Confederacy). Ask students if these states seceded and formed the Confederacy before or after Abraham Lincoln was elected president. (after Lincoln was elected president) Ask a student to place the Image Card in the correct location on the timeline to show that the Confederacy formed after Abraham Lincoln was elected president.

Save the timeline for future lessons.
Note to Teacher

Your students have now heard several read-alouds about the time and events leading up to the U.S. Civil War and about some important people of this time. You may choose to pause here and spend one to two days reviewing, reinforcing, or extending the material taught thus far.

If you do pause, you may have students do any combination of the activities listed below. The activities may be done in any order. You may wish to do one activity on successive days. You may also choose to do an activity with the whole class or with a small group of students who would benefit from the particular activity.

Core Content Objectives Up to This Pausing Point

Students will:

- Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
- Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman
- Identify the Underground Railroad as a system of escape for enslaved Africans in the United States
- Demonstrate familiarity with the poems “Harriet Tubman” and “Lincoln”
- Demonstrate familiarity with the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd”
- Differentiate between the North and the South
- Describe the adult life and contributions of Abraham Lincoln
- Differentiate between the Union and the Confederacy and the states associated with each
- Describe why the southern states seceded from the United States
Student Performance Task Assessment

Civil War Match Up

Materials: Instructional Master PP-1

Use Instructional Master PP-1 to assess students’ knowledge of the content covered thus far in *The U.S. Civil War*. Read each sentence to students, as well as the word choices in the word bank, to ensure understanding. Repeat as needed.

1. I took care of my mistress’s baby when I was young and escaped from slavery on the Underground Railroad when I was older. Who am I? (Harriet Tubman/Minty)

2. I am a very large farm where large amounts of crops are grown. What am I called? (plantation)

3. I am the secret way enslaved Africans escaped to freedom in the North. What am I called? (Underground Railroad)

4. My job was to help lead enslaved Africans, called passengers, to freedom on the Underground Railroad. What am I called? (conductor)

5. I am an imaginary line between the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and I separate where slavery was allowed and where it was not. What am I called? (Mason-Dixon Line)

6. I was the group of northern states that thought it was wrong for the South to secede from the United States. What am I? (Union)

7. I was the group of southern states that seceded from the United States. What am I? (Confederacy)

8. I am one of the main issues that caused the U.S. Civil War. What am I? (slavery)

9. I was elected president because people in the North believed I would not allow slavery to expand. Who am I? (Abraham Lincoln)

10. I am a group of stars that helped guide enslaved Africans to freedom. What am I? (The Drinking Gourd)
Activities

Image Review

Show the Flip Book images from any read-aloud again, and have students retell the read-aloud using the images.

Domain-Related Trade Book or Student Choice

Materials: Trade book

Read a trade book to review a particular person, event, or concept; refer to the books listed in the Introduction. You may also choose to have students select a read– aloud to be heard again.

You Were There: The Underground Railroad, Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Charleston/Fort Sumter

Have students pretend that they lived during the time of the U.S. Civil War. Ask students to describe what they saw and heard. For example, students may talk about meeting Harriet Tubman while escaping on the Underground Railroad, traveling under the North Star, etc. They may talk about hearing dogs barking, coded songs, etc. Consider also extending this activity by adding group or independent writing opportunities associated with the “You Were There” concept. For example, ask students to pretend they are newspaper reporters describing one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates and write a group news article describing the event.

Key Vocabulary Brainstorming

Materials: Chart paper

Give students a key domain concept or vocabulary word such as slavery. Have them brainstorm everything that comes to mind when they hear the word, such as the South, plantations, etc. Record their responses on chart paper for reference.
**Class Book: The U.S. Civil War**

**Materials: Drawing paper, drawing tools**

Tell the class or a group of students that they are going to make a class book to help them remember what they have learned thus far in this domain. Have students brainstorm important information about slavery, Harriet Tubman, the North and the South, Abraham Lincoln, and Fort Sumter. Have each student choose one idea to draw a picture of, and ask him or her to write a caption for the picture. Bind the pages to make a book to put in the class library for students to read again and again. You may choose to add more pages upon completion of the entire domain before binding the book.

**Somebody Wanted But So Then**

The Somebody Wanted But So Then chart may be used to summarize Harriet Tubman’s life.

**Civil War Journals**

Students may share and discuss their Civil War journal entries with a partner or with the class.

**Writing Prompts**

Students may be given an additional writing prompt such as the following:

- Harriet Tubman was a brave woman because . . .
- Slavery was wrong because . . .
- The day I met Abraham Lincoln I . . .

**Song: Follow the Drinking Gourd**

Have students listen to “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” or to the lyrics again. Students may talk about the content of the song or how the song makes them feel. Students may also draw a pictorial representation of the song.
Using a Map

Use a map of the United States to review various locations from the read-alouds. Ask questions such as the following:

- In what state was Harriet Tubman enslaved as a child? (Maryland) Can anyone find Maryland on the map? Was Maryland part of the North or the South? (the South)
- Harriet Tubman escaped to Pennsylvania to gain her freedom. Can anyone find Pennsylvania on the map? Was Pennsylvania part of the North or the South? (the North)
- Fort Sumter was located in South Carolina. Can anyone find South Carolina on the map? Was South Carolina part of the North or the South? (the South)

Compare/Contrast

Materials: Chart paper

Tell students that there are many things to compare and contrast in the read-alouds they have heard so far. Remind students that to compare means to tell how things or people are similar and to contrast is to tell how things or people are different. Have students choose a topic from the following list to compare/contrast on a chart. You may do this individually or as a class.

- the Revolutionary War and the Civil War
- the North and the South (before the Civil War, including ways of life, economy, major products, etc.)
- freedom and slavery
- Lincoln and Douglas

You may wish to extend this activity by using the chart as a prewriting tool and having students write two paragraphs, one describing similarities and the other describing differences.

—I Above and Beyond: For any students who are ready, you may wish to have them go through a full writing process, modeling the different stages of writing: plan, draft, and edit.
Cotton

Materials: Image Card 2; various objects made from cotton

Show students Image Card 2 (Cotton). Ask them what this plant is called. Ask if cotton was an important crop in the North or the South. Ask students to recall who gathered the cotton from the plantation fields.

Place various objects on a table (cotton balls, cotton swabs, clothing, yarn, towels, sheets, pillowcases, etc.) and allow students to look at them and touch them. Ask students what they think life would be like without cotton. Tell them that many people all over the world depended on cotton at the time of the Civil War and still do today. Reiterate that this was why cotton was so important to the South. Ask students to think of other things that are made from cotton.

Research Activity: Evolution of Flags During the Civil War

Review the Union and the Confederacy and what caused the states that formed the Confederacy to secede, thus causing the Civil War. Review the images of the Union and Confederate flags from Lesson 5. Review the states that are a part of the Union. Likewise, review the states that seceded from the Union at different points and how that corresponds to the number of stars on the two Confederate flags. Have students research images of the Union and Confederate flags during the time of the Civil War and how they evolved throughout the Civil War, including different battle flags. Encourage students to share their findings in groups or as a class presentation.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Identify the U.S. Civil War, or the War Between the States, as a war waged because of differences between the North and the South

✓ Identify the people of the South as “Rebels”

✓ Define the differences between the Union and the Confederacy

✓ Explain Abraham Lincoln’s role in keeping the Union together during the U.S. Civil War

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information presented, and then ask a question beginning with the word where to clarify information in “The War Begins” (SL.2.3)

✓ Recount a personal experience involving the saying “easier said than done” with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences (SL.2.4)

✓ Determine the meanings of words, such as civilians, by using the root word as a clue (L.2.4c)

✓ Learn common sayings and phrases, such as “easier said than done” (L.2.6)
Core Vocabulary

civilians, n. People who are members of society and are not part of the military or police force
   Example: Joshua’s mother is in the army, but his grandparents are civilians.
   Variation(s): civilian

civil war, n. A war between different groups or regions in the same country
   Example: A civil war often begins in a country when groups have very different views on something.
   Variation(s): civil wars

clash, v. To collide in intense disagreement
   Example: Johnny and his younger brother would often clash over who would get to use the computer first.
   Variation(s): clashes, clashed, clashing

devastated, v. Destroyed
   Example: The forest was devastated by the tornado.
   Variation(s): devastate, devastates, devastating

flee, v. To run away quickly from danger
   Example: When the hurricane warning came, people began to flee from their oceanfront homes.
   Variation(s): flees, fled, fleeing

Rebels, n. The nickname given to the Confederate soldiers
   Example: The Rebels became known for their loud battle cry.
   Variation(s): Rebel

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What Have We Already Learned?

Show image 5A-4: Fort Sumter

Ask students what they see in the picture. Prompt further discussion with the following questions:

- Why was there a battle at Fort Sumter?
- Who were the two sides fighting against each other?
- Who was president of the United States at the time of this battle?
- What was the area of the North called?
- What was the Union fighting for?
- What was the area of the South called?
- What were the Confederates fighting for?

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out whether the U.S. Civil War ended quickly or if it lasted a long time.
A civil war is a war fought between people of the same nation. Usually, in a civil war, two or more groups of citizens in a country believe in things so strongly, they fight each other in order to get their way. The war that began with the Battle of Fort Sumter would later come to be known as the U.S. Civil War or the War Between the States, and it was an awful, bloody time in American history.

After the Battle of Fort Sumter, both sides—the Union and the Confederacy—built up their armies as quickly as possible. Throughout the North, people wanted President Lincoln to do whatever he could to end the war quickly. And most people assumed that the war would end quickly. After all, the Union had more people, more factories, a larger army, and a powerful navy.

The first true test between the armies of the North and the South came in July 1861 in the state of Virginia. Virginia is home to the city of Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy at the time of the Civil War. Virginia also touches Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States. Three months after the Battle of Fort Sumter, thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers met in Virginia for the first major battle of the Civil War.

As president, Abraham Lincoln was commander in chief of the U.S. Army, also called the Union Army. He decided to try to end the war quickly by sending his army to destroy the Confederate Army in Virginia and capture the city of Richmond. So, it was decided that a large Union army would invade Virginia. The Union Army moved toward the town of Manassas where there was a small river called Bull Run.
The plan was for the Union Army to crush whatever army the Confederacy tried to put in its path and then march on and attack Richmond. The Union Army had thirty-five thousand soldiers, which up to that day was the single largest army ever assembled in America. The Union did not realize, however, that the Confederate Army, or the Rebels as they were also called, had roughly the same number of soldiers in the area.

A large Confederate force had marched within twenty-five miles of Washington, D.C. They set up camp at the town of Manassas and waited to see what the Union Army would do.

That July, the Virginia summer heat was so hot it was sometimes hard to breathe. Union soldiers, many wearing heavy wool clothing, marched slowly for two days over rolling farmland and across shallow, muddy creeks. The Confederate soldiers waited for them at Manassas.

By July 21, it was clear that the armies were going to clash. The only question was, “Who is going to fire the first shot?” Many wealthy citizens from Washington, D.C., including members of Congress, traveled with the Union Army on its march from the capital. Like so many others, these civilians—or non-soldiers—expected a quick battle, a rousing victory for the Union, and a quick end to the Confederate cause. These civilians wanted to witness the Union’s victory and the Confederacy’s defeat with their own eyes.

Now, imagine what it might have been like for those civilians who traveled from Washington, D.C., to Manassas to watch the battle. They had driven their carriages and packed nice picnic lunches. They brought telescopes so they could see the action. Some had even brought their wives and children to watch history in the making. Imagine a family watching the battle unfold from atop a grassy hill. Civilians would watch from behind a line of Union artillery, or cannons. As the Confederates marched across the field, the Union guns opened fire.
Smoke filled the air so that civilian observers could no longer see what was happening. They could not see the disaster that was unfolding right in front of them, but something they heard gave them an idea that this battle was not going to go as Lincoln and his generals had hoped.\(^{15}\)

\textbf{Show image 6A-5: Confederate attack}

The Confederate Army did not run away as the Union had hoped. Instead, amid the firing of cannons and rifles, a new, terrifying sound emerged. This sound would come to be known as the Rebel Yell, and it would haunt Union soldiers for years to come. It was a high-pitched scream, a battle cry, which the Confederates yelled out as they attacked the Union Army.

Despite careful planning, almost nothing went according to the plans the Union Army had made. The Confederate cannons were older and less powerful than the Union’s cannons, but the Confederate soldiers firing them seemed to have more skill.\(^{16}\)

\textbf{Show image 6A-6: Stonewall Jackson}

Several of the Confederate commanders seemed to have more skill than the Union commanders, as well. One commander, named General Thomas Jackson, showed particular courage and intelligence. That day, General Jackson earned the nickname Stonewall Jackson, because he stood like a stone wall against the Union attack.\(^{17}\) Stonewall Jackson went on to earn a reputation as one of the most brilliant generals in the Confederate Army, though he was killed halfway through the war. This painting shows him on his horse at the Battle of Manassas.

\textbf{Show image 6A-7: Union retreat}

Stonewall Jackson and the rest of the Confederate Army won the First Battle of Manassas. By late afternoon, the Union Army broke apart and retreated, or went back toward the safety of Washington, D.C. The civilians who had come to watch the battle were shocked to realize that they were in the path of the retreating Union Army.\(^{18}\) The road back to Washington, D.C., quickly
became clogged as the soldiers, running and on horseback, ran into panicked civilians trying to **flee** in their carriages.\(^{19}\)

**Show image 6A-8: Battle destruction**

Thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers were wounded or captured in this battle. Hundreds of men on both sides died as a result of those wounds because doctors didn’t have the equipment or training then that they have today. The landscape around the battlefield was also **devastated**,\(^{20}\) with roads, bridges, and entire hillsides in ruins. This image shows the destruction caused by the battle to both people and the land. A few days before, this was all lush, green farmland.

This was just the first of many, many battles in the years the Civil War took place. And the battles would be much bloodier in the months and years to come. After that first battle, which was called the First Battle of Manassas or the First Battle of Bull Run, President Lincoln and others in the North realized that this Civil War would not be easy to win. The Union realized that they would need a much larger army and, more important, they would need to prepare for a much longer war. In fact, within a year, many people would be wondering whether the Union would be able to win the war at all.\(^{21}\)
Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

1. *Inferential* Why was the war that you heard about in the read-aloud called the U.S. Civil War, or the War Between the States? (It was a war between two groups of people within the United States.) *Who were the two groups?* (the Union, or the North; and the Confederacy, or the South)

2. *Inferential* Why did Lincoln and many people in the North think that the war would end quickly? (The North had more people, factories, and a larger army. The South had a smaller army and older weapons.)

3. *Inferential* Why do you think the first major battle of the Civil War was fought in Virginia? (It was close to Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, and Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy at the time of the Civil War.)

4. *Evaluative* *Who were the Rebels?* (Confederate soldiers) In a previous lesson, you learned that the word *rebellious* describes someone who likes to do things his or her own way and not be controlled by someone else’s rules. A rebel is someone who is rebellious. Who do you think probably came up with the name *Rebels* for the Confederate soldiers? (Answers may vary.)

5. *Evaluative* What do you think President Lincoln will do now that he has realized that the war against the Confederacy will not be easily won? (Answers may vary.)

[Please continue to model the *Question? Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]
8. **Evaluative Where? Pair Share:** Asking questions after a read-aloud is one way to see how much everyone has learned. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the read-aloud that starts with the word *where*. For example, you could ask, “Where does today’s read-aloud take place?” Turn to your neighbor and ask your *where* question. Listen to your neighbor’s response. Then your neighbor will ask a new *where* question, and you will get a chance to respond. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.

9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

### Word Work: Civilians 5 minutes

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “Like so many others, these *civilians*—or non-soldiers—expected a quick battle, a rousing victory for the Union, and a quick end to the Confederate cause.”

2. Say the word *civilians* with me.

3. Civilians are citizens who are not in the military or on a police force.

4. Police officers and firefighters protect the civilians in the areas where they work.

5. Have you ever heard anyone use the word *civilians*? Try to use the word *civilians* when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I heard the word *civilians* once when . . . ”]

6. What is the word we’ve been talking about? What part of speech is the word *civilians*?
Use a *Word Parts* activity for follow-up. Directions: The –*ian* is often added to a noun or an adjective to form the name of the person who performs an activity associated with that word. For example, civilians are people who are civil members of society, or are regular citizens. A comedian is someone who uses comedy. I will name a person. Think about the word that you hear before the –*ian* ending to help you describe what the person does. Remember to answer in complete sentences.

1. musician (music; A musician is someone who plays music.)
2. magician (magic; A magician is someone who is skilled in magic.)
3. politician (politics; A politician is someone who works in politics.)
4. mathematician (mathematics; A mathematician is someone who is skilled in mathematics.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Sayings and Phrases: Easier Said Than Done

Proverbs are short, traditional sayings that have been passed along orally from generation to generation. These sayings usually express general truths based on experiences and observations of everyday life. Whereas some proverbs do have literal meanings—that is, they mean exactly what they say—many proverbs have a richer meaning beyond the literal level. It is important to help students understand the difference between the literal meanings of the words and their implied or figurative meanings.

Ask students if they have ever heard the saying “easier said than done.” Have students repeat the saying. Explain that if something is easier said than done, it is easier to say how the task should be completed than it is to actually complete the task. Explain that if someone had said to President Lincoln, “This war should be over by now,” he may have said, “That is easier said than done.”

Ask students if they have ever faced a task that was more difficult to complete than originally thought. Give students the opportunity to share their experiences and encourage them to use the saying.

You may also ask students to draw a picture of their experience and ask them to write “easier said than done” as the caption. Give students the opportunity to share their drawings with a partner or with the class.

Try to find opportunities to use this saying in various situations in the classroom.

➡️ Syntactic Awareness Activity: Speech Registers

The purpose of these syntactic activities is to help students understand the direct connection between grammatical structures and the meaning of text. These syntactic activities should be used in conjunction with the complex text presented in the read-alouds.
Note: There may be variations in the sentences created by your class. Allow for these variations, and restate students’ sentences so that they are grammatical.

1. We change the way we are speaking depending on who we are speaking to and the situation we are in. When we are talking to teachers and other adults, we speak one way, and when we are talking to our friends, we speak another way.

2. For example, when you say hello to the principal in the morning, you might say, “Good morning, Ms./Mr. ______. How are you today?” When you say hello to a friend in the morning, you might say, “Hey! What’s up?”

3. In the read-aloud you heard, “As president, Abraham Lincoln was commander in chief of the U.S. Army, also called the Union Army.”

4. Given that Abraham Lincoln was the president of the United States and commander in chief of the U.S. Army, would you speak to Abraham Lincoln as you would greet the principal or as you would greet your friend? (principal)

5. Now you try! I am going to give you five different situations. I want you to work with your partner to show how you would say “hi” in each situation. (Answers may vary depending on each student’s experience.)

   a. saying hello to your teacher
   b. saying hello to your baby brother
   c. saying hello to your great-grandmother
   d. saying hello to your friend’s parents
   e. saying hello to your friend’s brother or sister

Take-Home Material

Family Letter

Send home Instructional Master 6B-1.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Define the differences between the Union and the Confederacy
✓ Identify Robert E. Lee as the commander of the Confederate Army
✓ Explain why Lee was reluctant to command either the Union or the Confederate Army

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the “Somebody Wanted But So Then” chart to describe Robert E. Lee and his role in the U.S. Civil War (RI.2.7)
✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “Robert E. Lee” (W.2.2)
✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of themselves, Robert E. Lee and the men who served under him in the Confederacy, and others affected by the U.S. Civil War
✓ Share writing with others
✓ Prior to listening to “Robert E. Lee,” identify orally what they know and have learned about the first battle of the U.S. Civil War
Core Vocabulary

advisors, n. People who give advice
   Example: I asked my parents to be my advisors when I couldn’t decide whether or not to play on the soccer team.
   Variation(s): advisor

frail, adj. Weak; fragile
   Example: Daniel helps his frail grandfather take care of his garden.
   Variation(s): frailer, frailest

general, n. A military officer of high rank or position
   Example: The army general had many awards decorating his uniform.
   Variation(s): generals

oath, n. A promise made before witnesses
   Example: Before you testify in court, you must take an oath to tell the truth.
   Variation(s): oaths

wasteland, n. An area that is devastated, or destroyed, by something, such as a flood, storm, or war
   Example: The first battle of the Civil War turned the city of Manassas, Virginia, into a wasteland.
   Variation(s): wastelands

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What Have We Already Learned?

Show image 6A-1: Battle scene

Ask students what happened in the last read-aloud. Prompt further discussion with the image and the following questions:

• What is a civil war?
• Who was fighting in this civil war?
• Who won the first battle?
• Is the war over yet?
• Who was president of the United States during the Civil War?
• Why might President Lincoln have said “easier said than done” after the first battle of the Civil War?

Purpose for Listening

Tell students that they have heard about the first battle of the Civil War. Tell them to listen to find out more about the many battles to come and to learn about the man who was chosen to take command of the Confederate Army, and what might have happened after that.
After two days of fighting, the cornfields around Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, were all destroyed, so that one could hardly tell that there had been crops there at all. Green, grassy pastures trampled by so many boots and horse hooves were now nothing but mud. The trees in the forests had lost their leaves, and many were burned or simply blown to bits by cannonballs. In short, all around Gettysburg was a wasteland, but the battle was not over yet.

It was past midnight. The date was July 3, 1863. Two Confederate soldiers stood guard outside the door of a small stone farmhouse at the edge of the battlefield. Several Confederate officers paced back and forth in the yard.

“Should we see if he is ready to issue orders?” asked one of the officers.

“No, don’t bother him. The Old Man will let us know when he is ready,” said another.

Inside the house, a man stood hunched over a table, studying a map by candlelight. He was not a very old man—just fifty-six-years old—but constant war and worries had brought new wrinkles to his face. He was far more thin and frail than he had been just two years before. But all the soldiers loved General Lee as though he were their own father. They called him “The Old Man” out of respect.

General Lee’s full name was Robert E. Lee. General Lee was born in 1807. He was the son of a hero from the Revolutionary War, who had fought bravely alongside George Washington to
make America free from Great Britain.⁶ Robert E. Lee joined the army at age seventeen, and graduated second in his class from the United States Military Academy.⁷ Then Lee served in the U.S. Army during the Mexican-American War.

Lee was proud to serve in the U.S. Army before the Civil War. But Robert E. Lee was born and raised in Virginia, a Confederate state. Lee married Mary Custis, a great-granddaughter of George and Martha Washington. After they married, Robert and Mary lived in Mary’s plantation home known as Arlington House. This is a photo of Arlington House in Virginia. Lee did not think the South should secede from the Union.⁸ Like many other people, he wanted to find a peaceful way to end the disagreement, and he swore he would never break the oath⁹ he had taken to uphold the U.S. Constitution.¹⁰

Show image 7A-4: Jefferson Davis’s cabinet with Lee

At first, Lee refused to join the Confederate Army when President Jefferson Davis asked him to take command.¹¹ Then, just before the Battle of Fort Sumter, President Lincoln asked Lee if he would agree to take command of the entire Union Army. Lee refused that offer, as well.¹² Only when his home state of Virginia decided to secede and join with the Confederacy did Lee finally make up his mind. He hated the thought of fighting against the United States, but—even more—he hated the thought of fighting against his home state of Virginia.

General Lee became Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, making him one of the most powerful and recognizable figures in the Confederate Army. This image shows Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his closest advisors, including General Lee in the middle, discussing their war plan.¹³ Thanks in large part to General Lee’s excellent abilities as a general, he commanded the Confederate Army to many victories in major battles on the field before Gettysburg. But still, so many men had died in those battles, and there was no end to the war in sight.
There was a knock on General Lee’s door in Gettysburg. It was Major Venable, Lee’s trusted friend and aide, or helper. “General, I have reports from your field commanders,” said Major Venable.

“Go ahead,” he said, turning his attention back to the maps on the table.

“General Ewell [yoo-uhl] had trouble organizing his men, sir, and General Rodes failed to attack as ordered. General Early tried, but he gave up as darkness approached.”

Lee tapped his knuckles on the table and stared at the maps. There had been nothing but bad news all day. After two days of fighting, the Union Army held the high ground, its soldiers and cannons spread in a tight line atop a long ridge, refusing to budge no matter how fiercely the Confederates attacked.  

“I have made my decision,” Lee said. “We will strike at the heart of the Union line, at Cemetery Ridge, and divide their forces. Then the rest of our army will attack on the left and right.”

In the morning, the Old Man rode out to greet his soldiers. The men cheered and waved their hats whenever Lee rode past, and he waved and smiled confidently, doing his best to keep their spirits high.  

Later that morning though, things did not go exactly according to Lee’s plans. The Confederate forces attacked, hoping to break through the Union lines and send the enemy retreating from the field. Lee knew that if he succeeded, the South would have a chance to win the war. If he lost, it may not.

The battle went on all day, but the most important moment came when Lee ordered General Pickett to lead his men in a daring charge across a wide, open field directly at the middle of the Union lines. The move, known as Pickett’s Charge, was a catastrophe for the Confederates.  

A catastrophe is an event that causes great trouble or destruction. So, Pickett’s Charge caused a great deal of trouble for the Confederate side.
killed, wounded, or captured. At the end of that third day, the Union still held the high ground. Lee had lost the battle and had to retreat to Virginia, abandoning hopes of invading deep into the North.

Show image 7A-8: Woman mourning

The day after the battle was the Fourth of July, a day when Americans normally celebrate their independence. In 1863, however, celebrations were not so cheerful. Even in the North, where word quickly spread that the Union had won a major battle at Gettysburg, a war-torn nation was exhausted from battle. In the three days of the battle at Gettysburg, many, many men had died, were wounded, or had been captured on both the Union and Confederate sides. This battle proved to be one of the bloodiest in all of the Civil War. With all that bloodshed, few people on either side found reason to celebrate.

Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

1. **Literal** Who was the commander of the Confederate Army? (General Robert E. Lee) What was his nickname? (The Old Man) What state was he from? (Virginia)

2. **Literal** How did Confederate soldiers feel about General Lee? (They loved and respected him.)

3. **Literal** General Lee refused President Lincoln’s offer to command the Union Army. What was the Union? (the northern states that did not secede) Why did General Lee refuse at first to command the Confederate Army? (He did not agree with the southern states seceding from the United States.) Why did he change his mind? (When his own state of Virginia seceded, he decided he would rather fight with Virginia than against it.)

4. **Inferential** Why do you think the Confederate president needed advisors, or people to give him advice? (Answers may vary.)

5. **Inferential** Why do you think General Lee was chosen to be one of the Confederate president’s advisors? (Answers may vary.)
6. **Literal** Did the last movement of this battle, known as Pickett’s Charge, go well for General Lee and the Confederacy? (no)

7. **Inferential** The day after the three-day Battle of Gettysburg was the Fourth of July. Why is this day important to Americans? (It is the day America voted to approve the Declaration of Independence and determined to be free from Great Britain.) Why do you think people were not in the mood to celebrate during the U.S. Civil War? (They were in mourning for all of the soldiers who had died.)

[Please continue to model the Think Pair Share process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

I am going to ask a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

8. **Evaluative Think Pair Share:** Do you think General Lee made the right decision to lead the Confederate Army? Why or why not? (Answers may vary, but if students think General Lee made the right decision to lead the Confederate Army, their answers should reflect information found in the text, such as the fact that he was born in Virginia and did not want to fight against his home state. If students think he did not make the right decision, their answers should reflect information found in the text, such as the fact that he had been trained at a U.S. military school and should have been loyal to his country.)

9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]
Word Work: Advisors

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his closest advisors [met to discuss] their war plan.”

2. Say the word advisors with me.

3. Advisors are people who give advice.

4. Teachers, parents, coaches, and friends can all be advisors.

5. Who do you think of as your advisors? Have you ever been an advisor to another person? Use the word advisors or advisor in a complete sentence when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “______ were advisors to me when . . .” or “I was an advisor once when . . .”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about? What part of speech is the word advisors?

Use a Making Choices activity for follow-up. Directions: I am going to read some sentences. If I describe people giving advice, say, “______ were/was an advisor(s).” If I do not describe people giving advice, say, “______ were/was not (an) advisor(s).”

1. General Lee helped Confederate President Jefferson Davis to make a battle plan. (General Lee was an advisor.)

2. All of the students sat at their desks in silence. (The students were not advisors.)

3. Meredith and Gabby often talk with each other to see what the other thinks. (Meredith and Gabby were advisors.)

4. My teacher told me I should try out for the spelling bee. (My teacher was an advisor.)

5. The new class president didn’t let students give her suggestions. (The new class president was not an advisor.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Somebody Wanted But So Then (Instructional Master 7B-1)

Put the following blank summary chart on chart paper:

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Explain to students that they are going to retell—first individually, and then together as a class—how Robert E. Lee came to be the commander of the Confederate Army. Tell students that they are going to retell Lee’s story using Instructional Master 7B-1, a Somebody Wanted But So Then worksheet. Students who participated in the Core Knowledge Language Arts program in Kindergarten and Grade 1 should be very familiar with this chart and will have seen their Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers model the activity. Have these students work in pairs to orally fill in the chart together, while one person acts as the scribe. If you have any students who are new to the Core Knowledge Language Arts program, you may wish to work with them individually or in a small group, guiding them through the activity.

If time allows, have students share their charts with the class. As students retell the read-aloud, make sure to use complete sentences and domain-related vocabulary to expand upon their responses.
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<td>he decided, rather than fight against Virginia, to command the Confederate Army.</td>
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<td>Then</td>
<td>he used his skill to lead the Confederate Army to several victories.</td>
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Above and Beyond: You may wish to have students use Instructional Master 7B-1 to fill in their own charts.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 7B-2)

Show image 7A-6: Lee greeting his soldiers

Have students use Instructional Master 7B-2 to write two or three sentences describing General Robert E. Lee. Prompt them with the image and the following questions:

- What important job did General Robert E. Lee have?
- What kind of a person do you think General Robert E. Lee was?
- Do you think he was a good general? Why or why not?
- What do you think General Lee’s soldiers thought about him?
- What are some adjectives you can use to describe General Robert E. Lee?

If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written. Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Identify Clara Barton as the “Angel of the Battlefield” and the founder of the American Red Cross

✓ Describe the work of the American Red Cross

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the Timeline to understand when the American Red Cross was established relative to the U.S. Civil War (RI.2.7)

✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “Clara Barton” (W.2.2)

✓ Interpret information presented, and then ask a question beginning with the word who to clarify information in “Clara Barton” (SL.2.3)

✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of themselves, Clara Barton, and the wounded she treated

✓ Share writing with others

✓ Prior to listening to “Clara Barton,” orally predict how the “Angel of the Battlefield” was helpful during the U.S. Civil War, and then compare the actual outcome to the prediction
Prior to listening to “Clara Barton,” orally identify what they know and have learned about General Robert E. Lee

Core Vocabulary

**compassionate, adj.** Caring; having or showing sympathy or pity
Example: Julianne should be a veterinarian, because she is so compassionate toward animals.
Variation(s): none

**countless, adj.** Too numerous to count
Example: The stars in the sky are countless.
Variation(s): none

**disasters, n.** Events that cause a lot of destruction and pain
Example: The Red Cross quickly responds after natural disasters such as tornadoes and earthquakes have occurred.
Variation(s): disaster

**wounded, n.** People who are injured
Example: After the fire, the wounded were transported quickly to the hospital.
Variation(s): none

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Introducing the Read-Aloud

What Have We Already Learned?

Show students Image Card 12 (Robert E. Lee). Ask if they remember who this is. Ask if the color of the uniform gives them a clue. Ask them what they remember about General Robert E. Lee. Make sure they verbalize that he was the commander of the Confederate Army.

Making Predictions About the Read-Aloud

Tell students that they are going to hear about another important person, a woman who was nicknamed the “Angel of the Battlefield.” Ask students how they think this woman was helpful during the Civil War.

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out whether or not their predictions are correct.
By some measures, more American soldiers died during the Civil War than in all other American wars combined. At the end of the Civil War, over six hundred thousand Union and Confederate soldiers were dead. Compare that to twenty-five thousand killed in the Revolutionary War, fought from 1775–1783, in which George Washington and his army won America’s independence. Twenty-five thousand dead is no small number, but it is puny compared to six hundred thousand. In addition to those killed, well over a million men were wounded in the Civil War.

Americans were no strangers to the horrors and death brought on by war, but the Civil War proved to be far bloodier than any war before it. The Battle of Antietam [an-TEE-tuhm], fought in Maryland, provides a strong example of how the Civil War was a war like no other. On September 17, 1862, there were more than twenty-one thousand casualties in a single day, including nearly four thousand killed on both sides. That means that about one of every six soldiers who took the field that day at Antietam was either killed or wounded within a few hours.

Despite all its horrors, war can sometimes bring out the best in people, for there are those who fight to save lives, as well. Clara Barton was one such person who wished only to lessen the suffering and pain. She was a schoolteacher from Massachusetts and had always been known as a loving, compassionate person, meaning that she cared for other people and wanted to make their lives better. Clara Barton had no formal schooling as a medical nurse, yet by war’s end, she would become one of the most famous nurses in history.
Clara Barton was in Washington, D.C., after the First Battle of Manassas, where hundreds of wounded Union soldiers returned after losing a battle that everyone thought they would win easily. The hospitals in the city were quickly overcrowded. There were not enough beds or medical supplies to take care of all the wounded. So, Clara Barton immediately went around the city knocking on doors and collecting bandages and medicine from people’s homes.

Show image 8A-3: Clara Barton advocating for better medical care

Clara Barton helped to care for and save hundreds of wounded soldiers after the First Battle of Manassas. During this time, she recognized the bigger problem: while all the generals and politicians were busy figuring out how to build their armies and win battles, nobody had given serious thought to taking care of the thousands of men who would undoubtedly be wounded. So, Clara Barton decided she would do something about it herself.

She began by writing letters and visiting doctors, politicians, and other leaders, encouraging them to invest more money in medical supplies for the soldiers. She visited women’s groups, churches, and hospitals. She called on wealthy individuals to donate medical supplies and money to help the wounded. Soon, Clara Barton had collected a large assortment of supplies, but she did not stop there, because the supplies would not do anyone any good unless they were delivered to the battlefield.

Show image 8A-4: Injured soldiers

Those who were wounded in battle experienced terrible suffering. They were often left lying on the field for an entire day or even longer, because everyone was too busy fighting to come and carry them away. Field hospitals, where the wounded were taken during and after battles, were sometimes set up in nearby barns or houses, or simply in a group of tattered tents.

Soldiers in overcrowded field hospitals often found themselves left alone, bleeding, lying on the ground, with nobody to bring
them food or water or to comfort them and ease their pain. The doctors were simply too busy and too tired to help everyone. Thousands of men died who could have lived if only the hospitals had had all the supplies they needed.

Show image 8A-5: Barton following army with her supplies

Knowing this, toward the end of 1861, Clara Barton started following the main Union Army wherever it went. This army was in charge of protecting Washington, D.C., though its ultimate goal was to attack Richmond, the Confederate capital, and win the war.  

Wherever the Union Army fought, Clara Barton followed with her wagonloads of bandages and other supplies, making sure the doctors had what they needed. Whenever possible, she made food for the sick and wounded, brought them water, comforted them, made sure they had blankets, wiped sweat from their foreheads, fixed their bandages, and simply talked to them.

Still, Clara Barton was determined to do more. So many wounded soldiers lay suffering on the battlefield for hours, sometimes even days, waiting for someone to come and help. Clara Barton wanted to be able to go to those soldiers on the battlefield, when they needed her help the most. Unfortunately, women were not allowed on the battlefields. At least, that is what the generals told her whenever she asked permission to come help during the battles. But Clara Barton kept asking and insisting that she would be able to save lives. Finally, in 1862, she received permission to go to the heart of the battles themselves.

Show image 8A-6: Clara Barton caring for wounded on battlefield

Clara Barton became known as the “Angel of the Battlefield” to soldiers and doctors who were always glad to see her calm face amid the horrors of war. She was there at Antietam, where more than twelve thousand Union soldiers were wounded—far more than she and all the other nurses and doctors could care for, but they did their best. Once a battle was over, she would hurry back
to Washington, D.C., to collect more supplies, and then catch up with the army again.

**Show image 8A-7: Army ambulances**

By the middle of 1863, the Union Army figured out how to make sure the field hospitals had enough supplies. This was partly thanks to the fact that Clara Barton kept pressure on the War Department and other officials in Washington, D.C., to make real changes. She no longer had to collect supplies, but she continued to follow the army for the remainder of the war, acting as the “Angel of the Battlefield” to countless—more than can be counted—wounded soldiers.

Clara Barton saw more bloodshed and fighting than most soldiers during the war. She was there at some of the worst battles. She worked as bullets and cannonballs whistled overhead and crashed all around. Once, a bullet tore right through her shirtsleeve, but she was very brave and did not let fear stop her from doing what she needed to do.14

**Show image 8A-8: Barton overseas**

When the war ended, Clara Barton continued to find ways to help others. In fact, she was only just beginning. She went to Europe and worked as a nurse in wars over there.15 During the course of her life, she went to work in Turkey, China, Cuba, and other places. She returned to America and, in 1881, founded16 the American Red Cross to provide medical supplies, food, and other aid during natural disasters, such as floods and earthquakes.

**Show image 8A-9: Red Cross today**

Today, the American Red Cross is still run by volunteers, people who donate their time for free in order to help other people in need. Clara Barton helped countless people during her lifetime. And although there are still wars and other disasters in this world, Clara Barton would be glad to know that the American Red Cross continues to save lives and give comfort to people in need to this very day.
Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

1. **Evaluative** Were your predictions correct about whether the “Angel of the Battlefield” was helpful during the Civil War? Why or why not? (Answers may vary.)

2. **Inferential** What problem did Clara Barton first help to solve for the soldiers? Hint: What were many doctors and nurses lacking on the battlefield? (She found more medical supplies for them.) After this problem was solved, what did Clara do next? (She actually delivered the supplies and helped care for the soldiers on the battlefields.)

3. **Inferential** What name was Clara Barton given? (“Angel of the Battlefield”) Do you think that was an appropriate name for her? Why or why not? (Answers may vary, but should reflect information in the text, including the fact that she was helpful to people who were injured in battle and she did much of her work on the battlefields, even while bullets and cannonballs continued to fly during the battle.)

4. **Evaluative** How did Clara Barton feel about the soldiers? (She felt it was very important to provide better medical care to the soldiers.) What information in the read-aloud lets you know how she felt? (She worked hard to gather the supplies she needed, and she followed the army to many of the battles, where she risked her own life to provide medical care to the soldiers.)

5. **Inferential** What are some adjectives the author of the read-aloud uses to describe Clara Barton? (compassionate, determined, calm, brave)

6. **Literal** What is the name of the organization Clara Barton founded? (the American Red Cross) Is this organization still in existence today? (yes) What does the Red Cross do today? (It helps people who need help during times of war or other disasters.)

7. **Inferential** Which happened first: the start of the Civil War, or the start of the American Red Cross? (the start of the Civil War)
[Please continue to model the Question? Pair Share process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

8. **Evaluative Who? Pair Share:** Asking questions after a read-aloud is one way to see how much everyone has learned. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the read-aloud that starts with the word *who*. For example, you could ask, “Who did you hear about in today’s read-aloud?” Turn to your neighbor and ask your *who* question. Listen to your neighbor’s response. Then your neighbor will ask a new *who* question, and you will get a chance to respond. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.

9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Wounded**

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “Well over a million men were *wounded* in the Civil War.”
2. Say the word *wounded* with me.
3. The wounded are people who have been injured, or hurt.
4. After the tornado, the Red Cross helped care for the wounded.
5. Who might the wounded go to for help? Would you like to have a job one day helping the wounded like Clara Barton did? [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “The wounded can go . . .”]
6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?
Use a *Making Choices* activity for follow-up. Directions: You have heard that the wounded are people who have been hurt, or injured. I am going to read several sentences. If the person or animal has been hurt or injured, say, “_____ was/were wounded.” If the person or animal is fine, say, “_____ was/were not wounded.”

1. Many soldiers were injured during the war. (Many soldiers were wounded.)
2. Molly tripped, but did not get hurt. (Molly was not wounded.)
3. The puppy jumped off the bed and hurt its paw. (The puppy was wounded.)
4. Katya fell off the swing and needed a bandage. (Katya was wounded.)
5. Amos felt wonderful when he ate his birthday cupcake. (Amos was not wounded.)

👋 Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Extensions

Timeline

Review the events that have already been depicted on the timeline. Show students Image Card 13 (Clara Barton). Ask students to describe her important work. Ask a student to place the Image Card on the timeline to show when she helped soldiers on the battlefield. (to the right of the formation of the Confederacy)

Show students Image Card 14 (Symbol for Red Cross). Ask students if Barton founded the American Red Cross before or after she helped soldiers during the Civil War. (after) Ask where the Image Card should be placed on the timeline to show that Barton founded the American Red Cross after the Civil War. (to the right of Clara Barton)

Save the timeline for future lessons.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 8B-1)

Have students use Instructional Master 8B-1 to respond to this statement: In the read-aloud today, you heard that, “Despite all its horrors, war can sometimes bring out the best in people.”

Tell students they are to write two or three sentences explaining how they think the Civil War brought out the best in Clara Barton. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Identify Abraham Lincoln as the author of the Emancipation Proclamation
✓ Explain the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the Timeline to understand when the Emancipation Proclamation was written relative to when the American Red Cross was established (RI.2.7)
✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “The Emancipation Proclamation” (W.2.2)
✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of themselves, Harriet Tubman, and a Union soldier
✓ Share writing with others
✓ Prior to listening to “The Emancipation Proclamation,” identify orally what they know and have learned about Clara Barton and Abraham Lincoln
Core Vocabulary

abolished, **v.** Did away with; ended
  *Example:* I had a nightmare that schools had abolished summer vacation.
  *Variation(s):* abolish, abolishes, abolishing

Cabinet, **n.** A group of people who give advice to the president; advisors
  *Example:* President Lincoln’s Cabinet helped him make decisions.
  *Variation(s):* Cabinets

emancipation, **n.** The act of releasing, or setting free
  *Example:* The class wanted emancipation from weekend homework.
  *Variation(s):* emancipations

proclamation, **n.** An official announcement
  *Example:* The principal made a proclamation that all honor students would receive free ice cream in the cafeteria.
  *Variation(s):* proclamations

scroll, **n.** A rolled piece of parchment, or paper
  *Example:* Susan rolled the note into a tiny scroll and hid it behind her bookshelf.
  *Variation(s):* scrolls

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What Have We Already Learned?

Show image 8A-6: Clara Barton caring for wounded on battlefield

Ask students if they remember who this is. Ask students to share what they learned about Clara Barton in the last read-aloud and why she was important during the U.S. Civil War.

Prompt further discussion with the image and the following questions:

• How did Clara Barton help the wounded during the Civil War?
• What name was Clara Barton given and why?
• How would you describe her?
• What important thing did Clara Barton do after the Civil War that we still see the effects of today?

Tell students that today they are going to learn more about another important person during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, who was president of the United States and commander in chief of the Union Army. Ask students to share what they’ve already learned about Abraham Lincoln. Tell them that the next read-aloud is about a very important thing that President Lincoln did during the Civil War that he is still remembered for today.

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out one of the reasons President Lincoln is remembered.
The Emancipation Proclamation

Show image 9A-1: Samuel and Violet gathering with others around a soldier

“Gather in closer! Closer everyone!” the soldier cried out. The people gathered beneath a massive oak tree. It was a bitter-cold day in January 1863. A boy named Samuel, age ten, and his sister Violet, age seven, squeezed and prodded their way through the crowd.

“Let’s keep going to the front,” Samuel said, tugging Violet’s hand.

“No, let’s stay here in the middle where it’s warm,” said Violet, thankful to have so many bodies pressed close around to shield her from the freezing January wind.

Show image 9A-2: Soldier holding up a scroll

“Fine, you stay here. But I’m going up front so I can hear,” said Samuel.

“You don’t even know what he’s going to talk about,” Violet said as her brother wormed his way toward the tree. Finally, Violet gave in and followed her brother to the very front. There, a Union soldier, wearing a long, heavy blue coat, held a scroll—a rolled piece of paper—which was sealed with a red-wax stamp.

“What is it, some kind of news?” asked a woman in the crowd.

“What happened? What’s on that piece of paper?” asked another.

“Honestly, I do not know,” the soldier answered. “My commander handed me this scroll and ordered me to come up to this tree and read it, so that is what I am doing.”

What is happening in this picture?

or very large

What do you think the scroll will say?
The tree where the people were gathering was in a place called Hampton, Virginia. Hampton was different than other places in Virginia, mainly because nearby Fort Monroe was still under Union control. Unlike Fort Sumter and so many other forts controlled by the Confederates, the Union still held Fort Monroe, so the Union soldiers also controlled the nearby port and town. During the war, many escaped slaves had come to Fort Monroe, hoping to be safe from slave catchers. Eventually, a community of free African Americans had sprung up around the town of Hampton, and that is why, on this day in 1863, a large group of free African Americans were gathering under the giant oak tree in Virginia to listen to a Union soldier.

Samuel and Violet had been born into slavery, but their parents had managed to escape at the beginning of the war, and they had been living in Hampton ever since.

“Quiet!” the soldier called. “Quiet, please!”

When everyone was settled, the soldier read the first words: "By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation."

The soldier waited a moment. Everyone knew right away that they were about to hear something very important. It was not every day that the president sent out written proclamations. The soldier continued reading,

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit . . .

“What did he just say?” Violet asked eagerly, tugging on Samuel’s sleeve.

“I’m not really sure,” he replied. “It was just a fancy way of saying the date, I think. Now just hush and listen!”

The date was September 22, 1862.
The soldier read some more: *That on the first day of January . . . all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State . . . shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.*

The crowd erupted in gasps of relief and joy. “Read that again!” someone shouted, interrupting the soldier. “I want to make sure I heard you right.” Everyone in the crowd had been a slave at one time, so they were very happy to hear that Lincoln was proclaiming an end to slavery.

Samuel and Violet listened to the rest of it, but when it was over, Violet did not really understand most of what she had heard. “So does this mean that we don’t have to worry about being captured by the slave catchers anymore?” she asked Samuel.

“I think so,” Samuel answered, rubbing his chin. “I think President Lincoln said all the slaves are now free, but I’m not really sure. We’ll have to ask Mother what it all means.”

**Show image 9A-5: President Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation**

The document the soldier read was called the *Emancipation Proclamation.* It is one of the most famous documents in the history of the United States, but it did not do exactly what you might think, at least not right away.

Unfortunately, Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation did not automatically free all the slaves. In fact, it did not even say that all slaves should be free—only that the slaves in states that were still fighting against the Union should be free. Some states, including Maryland and Delaware, still had slavery, but they had not seceded from the Union. Lincoln allowed people in states that had not seceded to keep their slaves as long as they continued to fight on the side of the Union. Eventually, slavery was abolished by law in all these states, but not just because of the Emancipation Proclamation.
Slavery was a major reason that the nation was divided in the first place, but the reason Lincoln declared war was that the Confederacy broke national law by seceding from the Union. In other words, in the beginning, the war was not about ending slavery but about keeping the nation whole. The Emancipation Proclamation changed this.

The Emancipation Proclamation changed the focus and purpose of the war at a time when things were not going well for the Union. This was before the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place in July 1863. The Union had not won many battles, yet tens of thousands of men were already dead or wounded, and there was no end to the war in sight.  

Many people, including his closest advisors, told Lincoln to end the war and let the Confederacy have its way. This picture shows Lincoln just having read the Emancipation Proclamation to his Cabinet, or group of advisors. Some thought it was a good idea, and some did not, but Lincoln did what he knew was the right thing to do. The Emancipation Proclamation let everyone know that Lincoln was not only determined to preserve, or save, the Union; he also wanted to make sure that slavery would never cause another war. This made the abolitionists very happy, and after that they put their full support behind Lincoln and the war.

The Emancipation Proclamation also allowed free African Americans and escaped slaves to fight for the Union. The famous abolitionist Frederick Douglass helped recruit African Americans—he encouraged them to join the Union Army as soldiers. Many African Americans did join the Union Army and fought courageously. African American men and women were eager to help the Union Army in other ways, too. Men worked as carpenters, cooks, guards, laborers, and boat pilots. African
American women were devoted nurses, spies, and scouts. In this way, men and women who had never been enslaved as well as former enslaved Africans courageously worked together to save the Union and bring freedom to the slaves in the South.\(^{15}\)

Show image 9A-8: Emancipation Oak

From that day forward, the great oak tree in Hampton, Virginia, became known as Emancipation Oak. It was the first place the Emancipation Proclamation was read on Confederate territory. After the Emancipation Proclamation, the Union Army freed slaves each time it won a battle and took control of a town or some farmland in a southern state. Little by little, one plantation at a time, slavery in the United States was finally coming to an end.

**Discussing the Read-Aloud**

**Comprehension Questions**

1. *Literal* What important event did Samuel and Violet observe? (the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation)

2. *Inferential* Who wrote the Emancipation Proclamation? (President Lincoln) What did the Emancipation Proclamation do? (changed the focus of the war and eventually led to slaves being freed; allowed African American soldiers to fight in the Union Army)

3. *Inferential* Why do you think a Union soldier read the Emancipation Proclamation rather than a Confederate soldier? (The Union supported the position of the Emancipation Proclamation and freeing slaves.)

4. *Evaluative* What do you think Harriet Tubman might have said when she heard about the Emancipation Proclamation? (Answers may vary.)

5. *Inferential* Which happened first: Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation or he became president? (He became president first.)

This statue, the Spirit of Freedom, stands today at the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor the more than two hundred thousand African American soldiers who served the United States during the Civil War.
6. **Evaluative** Do you think Emancipation Oak is a good name for this tree? Why or why not? (Answers may vary.)

[Please continue to model the *Think Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

I am going to ask a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

7. **Evaluative** *Think Pair Share:* How do you think the Union soldier felt about the job of reading the scroll when he found out what was written on the scroll? (Answers may vary.)

8. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

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### Word Work: Abolished 5 minutes

1. In the read-aloud, you heard, “Eventually, slavery was *abolished* by law in all these states.”

2. Say the word *abolished* with me.

3. *Abolished* means ended or stopped.

4. The abolitionists must have felt proud of their hard work when slavery was finally abolished.

5. Have you ever wanted something to be stopped or abolished, such as a rule at school or at home that you disagree with? Try to use the word *abolished* when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I wish ______ could be abolished.”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about? What part of speech is the word *abolished*?
Use a *Making Choices* activity for follow-up. Directions: I am going to read several sentences. If I describe something being ended or stopped, say, “_____ was/were abolished.” If I do not describe something being ended or stopped, say, “_____ was/were not abolished.”

1. The teacher said, “We will continue to go for a nature walk every week for the rest of the year.” (Weekly nature walks were not abolished.)

2. The president promised to do away with several taxes. (Those taxes were abolished.)

3. Sandy told her brother that he was no longer allowed to use the basketball in the house. (Basketball in the house was abolished.)

4. The volleyball team raised enough money to play another season. (Volleyball was not abolished.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
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Image Review

One by one, show Flip Book images 9A-1 through 9A-6. Ask students to explain what is happening in each picture. Help them create a continuous narrative of the events of the read-aloud. As students discuss each image, remember to repeat and expand upon each response using richer and more complex language, including, if possible, any read-aloud vocabulary.

Timeline

Review the events that have already been depicted on the timeline. Show students Image Card 15 (Emancipation Proclamation). Ask students to describe the significance of this document. Ask students where the card should be placed on the timeline. Help them to understand that the Emancipation Proclamation was written before the American Red Cross was founded so it should be placed to the left of the symbol for the American Red Cross.

Save the timeline for future lessons.

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 9B-1)

Have students use Instructional Master 9B-1 to explain the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation and to identify its author. If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written.

Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

✓ Identify the people of the North as “Yankees” and those of the South as “Rebels”
✓ Identify Ulysses S. Grant as the commander of the Union Army

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

✓ Interpret information from the Venn diagram used to compare and contrast Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee to clarify information from the read-aloud “Ulysses S. Grant” (RI.2.7)
✓ Compare and contrast similarities and differences between Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee (RI.2.9)
✓ Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “Ulysses S. Grant” (W.2.2)
✓ Interpret information presented, and then ask a question beginning with the word who to clarify information in “Ulysses S. Grant” (SL.2.3)
✓ Provide antonyms of core vocabulary words, such as defeat (L.2.5a)
✓ Determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words and phrases, such as post (L.2.5a)
✓ Share writing with others

✓ Prior to listening to “Ulysses S. Grant,” orally identify what they know and have learned about Robert E. Lee

Core Vocabulary

ammunition, n. Material fired from weapons
Example: The army tank was full of ammunition.
Variation(s): none

defeat, n. Failure to win
Example: Len’s soccer team experienced a disappointing defeat when the opposing team scored three goals and his team scored none.
Variation(s): defeats

rations, n. Amounts of food or provisions set aside for each person
Example: There were just enough rations in the space station for the three astronauts.
Variation(s): ration

surrendered, v. Yielded or gave something up to another
Example: Walter finally surrendered the remote control to his brother.
Variation(s): surrender, surrenders, surrendering

Yankees, n. Union soldiers during the Civil War; people from the northern states
Example: Lisa’s friends in Virginia called her family Yankees because they were from Massachusetts.
Variation(s): Yankee

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Introducing the Read-Aloud

What Have We Already Learned?

Show image 7A-6: Lee greeting his soldiers

Ask students if they remember who this is. Prompt discussion about Robert E. Lee with the following questions:

- What important job did Robert E. Lee have? (commander of the Confederate Army)
- Where was Lee from? (Virginia)
- Why did he choose to command the Confederate Army? (He wanted to be loyal to his home state.)
- How did the Confederate soldiers feel about General Lee? (They loved and respected him.)

Purpose for Listening

Tell students that the next read-aloud is about a commander of the Union Army named Ulysses S. Grant. Ask if any of them have heard of him. Tell students to listen carefully to learn more about Ulysses S. Grant and to think about how he was like General Lee and how he was different from General Lee.
The date was May 4, 1864. The day before, marching with a strength of over 118,000 soldiers, the Army of the Potomac crossed the Rapidan River in the middle of Virginia. The Blue Ridge Mountains lay to the west; to the east lay miles of dark forests and the Confederate Army under command of Robert E. Lee. General Lee had roughly sixty thousand men under his command, half as many as the Union Army, but they were ready to put up a strong fight.

The Union Army was commanded by Ulysses S. Grant. He was no stranger to battle. He had served in the army for over twenty-five years, starting when he was just seventeen years old. The Civil War was not his first war, either. Like the Confederate General Robert E. Lee, General Grant had fought in another war.

General Ulysses S. Grant leaned against a post outside his tent. He wearily watched as a long line of supply wagons carrying ammunition, food, and medical supplies rumbled past. These supply wagons made up the rear, or backside, of the army. The main body of the army—the soldiers who needed all those supplies in order to fight—were miles ahead, deep in the forest, looking for the enemy.

General Grant was now the general in chief of the entire Union Army. The only person who ranked higher than General Grant was President Lincoln; Grant took his orders from Lincoln, and everyone else took their orders from Grant.

Every general in the war faced hard choices and had heavy responsibilities, with the lives of thousands of soldiers in his hands. But in 1864, no general had more worries than General Grant.
General Grant had spent the first three years of the Civil War fighting farther west, away from the action in Virginia. His most impressive victory in the early years of the war came at Vicksburg, a city in Mississippi. The same day that the Union Army had won the Battle of Gettysburg, General Grant won the Battle of Vicksburg, after two long, hard months. The victory gave the Union final control over the entire Mississippi River, which in turn, would make it easier for the Union to take over the rest of the South. The Mississippi River was important because the Union could use it to send troops and supplies from the North to the South. It was easier to use a river to do this because there were no cars or trucks yet, and so there were no highways like we have today.

To win the Civil War, the Union needed to take control of the South, including all of its cities and roads. Nobody in the North expected this to be so difficult. The Union had more than a million men in uniform. By the end of the Civil War, one out of every ten Union soldiers was African American and one out of four Union sailors was African American.

Factories in the North had been working day and night for years, producing weapons, uniforms, blankets, food rations, wagons, and all of the other things the army needed. The Yankees, as the Union soldiers were nicknamed, had everything they needed to fight and win the war.

The Confederates, or Rebels as they were often called, did not have as many men as the Union. The South did not have many factories; many of those it did have early in the war had been destroyed or captured by 1864. Confederate soldiers marched to battle without shoes, without enough food, and sometimes without enough ammunition. Yet, even though they were exhausted and starved, the Confederates somehow held on and managed to keep fighting.
Grant was not the general in chief of the Union Army at the beginning of the Civil War. Throughout the war, Lincoln had trouble with some of his top Union generals. It wasn’t that they were bad generals; they could win battles and capture enemy forts and towns. But they made mistakes, as well. They often waited too long to attack, or failed to chase the Confederates when they were on the run. Basically, Lincoln felt the Union generals were never aggressive, or forceful, enough.

But Grant was different. General Grant had won the long Battle of Vicksburg because he was stubborn and unafraid; he kept fighting and attacking until the enemy surrendered. Lincoln put General Grant in charge of the entire Union Army because General Grant promised that he would do whatever it took to win; he would chase General Robert E. Lee and his army all over Virginia, and he would not stop until the war was finished. This outlook earned him the nickname “Unconditional Surrender,” because he would accept nothing less from the Confederate Army than a complete surrender.

General Grant removed a folded letter from his breast pocket. President Lincoln had sent this letter a few days earlier. It did not contain any vital information or new orders. It was just a simple letter sent to wish him good luck in battle. Grant reread the letter, written in the president’s own handwriting:

[Note: The following historic letter was modified for ease of understanding.]

Lieutenant-General Grant,—

Not expecting to see you again before you march into Virginia, I wish to tell you that I am entirely satisfied with what you have done up to this time . . . You are alert and self-reliant; and, pleased with this, I do not wish to control your actions in any way . . . If there is anything wanting which is within my power to give, do not fail to let me know it.
And now with a brave Army, and a just cause,\(^{20}\) may God sustain you.\(^{21}\)

Yours very truly,

A. LINCOLN

Show image 10A-6: Battle of the Wilderness

The next day, May 5, in the forests near Fredericksburg, Virginia, the main body of Grant’s army clashed with General Lee’s army in one of the wildest battles of the war.\(^{22}\) In those days, armies always preferred to fight in open fields, where it was easier to move cannons and large groups of men, and easier for generals to see what was happening. This time, though, the armies met deep in the woods, where the tree and plant growth was so heavy that the soldiers could barely see one another.

This was called the Battle of the Wilderness, and it was the very first time Generals Grant and Lee faced each other in battle. It was a very chaotic battle. Thousands were killed and wounded. At the end of the day, both armies limped away, with no clear winner in the battle.

Show image 10A-7: Clara Barton tending wounded

After the battle, many of the Union wounded were taken to churches and homes in the nearby city of Fredericksburg. Clara Barton was there in one of those churches, tending to wounded soldiers.\(^{23}\) The next day, hundreds more wounded soldiers were brought in from yet another battle. And on it went.

The armies of Grant and Lee met again and again during the months that followed. Sometimes Grant won the battle, sometimes Lee won, and sometimes nobody won. But with each battle, the Confederate Army got a little smaller and that much closer to final defeat.\(^{24}\)
Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

1. **Literal** [Show Image Card 16 (Ulysses S. Grant).] Who is pictured in this image? (Ulysses S. Grant) What important job did Ulysses S. Grant have during the Civil War? (He was general in chief or commander of the Union Army.)

2. **Inferential** Was he commander at the beginning of the Civil War? (no) Why did President Lincoln ask him to take over? (He had a reputation of doing whatever it took to win.)

3. **Literal** Why was Grant given the nickname “Unconditional Surrender”? (He accepted nothing less than a complete surrender.)

4. **Evaluative** In the read-aloud you heard that General Grant won the Battle of Vicksburg because he was stubborn and unafraid. How might being stubborn and unafraid help someone win a battle in a war? (Answers may vary.)

5. **Literal** What nickname was given to Union soldiers? (Yankees) What nickname was given to the Confederate soldiers? (Rebels)

6. **Inferential** How did the two armies compare as far as being equipped to fight? (The Union Army had more soldiers, ammunition, food, and supplies. The Union also had factories produce supplies for the Union Army. The Confederate Army’s soldiers marched to battle without shoes, without enough food, and sometimes without enough ammunition.)

7. **Evaluative** Do you think these unequal circumstances eventually led to the defeat of the Confederate Army? What evidence in the read-aloud leads you to think this? (Answers may vary, but should reflect information in the text, including the fact that an army that has better supplies, such as ammunition and food, can survive battles better, and that factories could produce the things an army needs, such as weapons, uniforms, blankets, and wagons.)
[Please continue to model the *Question? Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

8. **Evaluative Who? Pair Share:** Asking questions after a read-aloud is one way to see how much everyone has learned. Think of a question you can ask your neighbor about the read-aloud that starts with the word *who*. For example, you could ask, “Who did you hear about in today’s read-aloud?” Turn to your neighbor and ask your *who* question. Listen to your neighbor’s response. Then your neighbor will ask a new *who* question and you will get a chance to respond. I will call on several of you to share your questions with the class.

9. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]

**Word Work: Defeat**

1. In the read-aloud you heard, “With each battle, the Confederate Army got a little smaller and that much closer to final defeat.”

2. Say the word *defeat* with me.

3. A defeat is a failure to win.

4. Brian scored the final point that caused the other team’s defeat.

5. Have you ever experienced a loss, or defeat, or have you read about, heard about, or seen a defeat in a movie or television show? Try to use the word *defeat* when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “I experienced a defeat when . . .”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?
Use an *Antonyms* activity for follow-up. Directions: You heard that a defeat is a failure to win. The word *win* is an antonym, or opposite, of the word *defeat*. To *win* means to be successful at something. I am going to read several sentences. If I describe something that is a failure to win, say, “That is a defeat.” If I describe something that is successful, say, “That is a win” and clap your hands.

1. Will beat his opponent at checkers. *(That is a win.)*
2. Lilly missed making the goal for her soccer team. *(That is a defeat.)*
3. Janet made a basket at the very last minute, leading her team to victory. *(That is a win.)*
4. Robert made the lowest score in the video game against his sister. *(That is a defeat.)*
5. Patrick ranked highest at the spelling bee. *(That is a win.)*
6. Danny lost the bike race against his friend. *(That is a defeat.)*

👋 Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Extensions

Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 10B-1)

Show image 10A-5: Grant reading letter from Lincoln

Have students use Instructional Master 10B-1 to write two to three sentences describing Ulysses S. Grant. Prompt them with the image and the following questions:

- What important job did General Grant have?
- What kind of a person was General Grant?
- What traits did General Grant have that made him a good general?

If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written. Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.

Venn Diagram

On chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard, create a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. Ask students to think about what they have learned about Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. You may want to use the Civil War journals and some of the images from Lessons 7 and 10 as reminders for information.

Ask students how Grant and Lee were alike. Write students’ responses in the overlapping part of the Venn diagram. Tell students that you are going to write down what they say, but that they are not expected to be able to read everything you write because they are still mastering their decoding skills. Emphasize that you are writing what they say so that you don’t forget, and tell them that you will read the words to them.
Ask students how Grant was different from Lee. Write this information in the circle for Grant.

Ask students how Lee was different from Grant. Write this information in the circle for Lee.

Read the completed Venn diagram to the class.

If time allows, you may wish to extend this activity by using the chart as a prewriting tool and having students who are able write two paragraphs, one describing similarities and the other describing differences between the two generals.

Above and Beyond: For those students who are ready to do so, have them fill in their Venn diagrams independently.

**Multiple Meaning Word Activity**

*Multiple Choice: Post*

[Have students hold up one, two, or three fingers to indicate which image shows the meaning of the word being discussed.]

1. [Show Poster 4M (Post).] In the read-aloud you heard, “General Ulysses S. Grant leaned against a *post* outside his tent.” Which picture matches this description of *post*? (one)

2. *Post* can also mean other things, like to send something by mail, as in to post a letter. Which picture matches this description of *post*? (two)

3. *Post* can also mean to put up a sign so that it can be seen by many people, such as when landowners post “No Trespassing” signs. Which picture matches this description of *post*? (three)

4. Now with your neighbor, quiz each other on the different meanings of the word *post*. Remember to be as descriptive as possible and use complete sentences. For example you could say, “Because it was dark, I accidentally ran into the fence post. Which *post* am I?” And your neighbor should respond, “That’s ‘one’.”
Lesson Objectives

Core Content Objectives

Students will:

- Identify Robert E. Lee as the commander of the Confederate Army
- Identify Ulysses S. Grant as the commander of the Union Army
- Explain that the North’s victory reunited the North and the South as one country and ended slavery

Language Arts Objectives

The following language arts objectives are addressed in this lesson. Objectives aligning with the Common Core State Standards are noted with the corresponding standard in parentheses. Refer to the Alignment Chart for additional standards addressed in all lessons in this domain.

Students will:

- Interpret information using a Brainstorming Links graphic organizer to remember facts about the U.S. Civil War prior to the read-aloud “The End of the War” (RI.2.7)
- Interpret information from a map and map key to understand which states saw the most U.S. Civil War battles, and where the U.S. Civil War ended with Lee’s surrender (RI.2.7)
- Interpret information from the Timeline to understand when the U.S. Civil War ended relative to the Emancipation Proclamation and the establishment of the American Red Cross (RI.2.7)
- Write simple sentences to represent details or information from “The End of the War” (W.2.2)
- Provide antonyms of core vocabulary words, such as united (L.2.5a)
✓ Identify and express physical sensations, mental states, and emotions of freed slaves and Abraham Lincoln at the end of the U.S. Civil War

✓ Share writing with others

✓ Prior to listening to “The End of the War,” orally predict how the U.S. Civil War ends, and what happens afterward, and then compare the actual outcome to the prediction

✓ Prior to listening to “The End of the War,” orally identify what they know and have learned about the U.S. Civil War

Core Vocabulary

**equality, n.** The state of being the same; fairness

*Example:* A good teacher knows it is important to have equality in the classroom.

*Variation(s):* equalities

**monument, n.** A structure, such as a building or sculpture, built as a memorial to a person or event

*Example:* The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., is an amazing monument.

*Variation(s):* monuments

**prosperity, n.** Financial success or good fortune

*Example:* Lana’s family experienced greater prosperity with the opening of her parents’ new store.

*Variation(s):* prosperities

**ransacked, v.** Searched through to steal goods; looted

*Example:* The news reported a story about a burglar who ransacked a house to steal money, but was caught before he could escape.

*Variation(s):* ransack, ransacks, ransacking

**rival, n.** A person who is competing for the same object or position as another

*Example:* Linda was Laura’s rival in the tennis match.

*Variation(s):* rivals

**united, adj.** Joined together as one

*Example:* In the United States, all of the states work together as one country.

*Variation(s):* none
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Introducing the Read-Aloud

Brainstorming Links

Write the words *The U.S. Civil War* in a circle in the center of a piece of chart paper, a chalkboard, or a whiteboard. Have students brainstorm everything that comes to mind when they hear the words. Record students’ responses on the chart by drawing spokes from the center circle. Tell students that you are going to write down what they say, but that they are not expected to be able to read every word you write because they are still mastering their decoding skills. Emphasize that you are writing what they say so that you don’t forget. Tell them that you will read the words to them.

Purpose for Listening

Tell students to listen carefully to find out which side won the war and what happens to the North and the South after the war.
The End of the War

Show image 11A-1: People reading newspapers

In 1865, news stories did not travel as quickly as they do today. There were no televisions or telephones, or even radios. There were newspapers, but the news stories could be about things that happened days or even weeks before. There were also telegraphs, which were short, typed messages that required special skills to read.

It could take several days for news to reach soldiers who were miles away from a town or city with a telegraph wire. It could also take days or even weeks for news to reach their families. In tiny towns all over America, parents, wives, and children of soldiers were waiting for a son, husband, or father to return home from the war.

Show image 11A-2: Appomattox surrender

So, on April 9, 1865, it took a little while for the news to spread that—in a small farmhouse in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia—Robert E. Lee offered his sword to Ulysses S. Grant and surrendered the remainder of his Confederate Army. Within days, most other Confederate armies that had been fighting in other parts of the country surrendered as well.

The Rebel soldiers laid down their weapons, made oaths to give up the rebellion and never fight against the United States again, and walked home. The Union soldiers were relieved; at last, the long Civil War was ended, and the North had won. It was time to return home, rest, and rebuild the nation. It had taken four long years, but the United States was on its way to being united again.

1 [Show Virginia on a U.S. map.]
2 What are oaths? On what side were the Rebel soldiers?
3 What was the North called during the Civil War? (the Union)
4 United means together as one. Were your predictions correct about who would win in the end?
For the most part, the cities of the North had not been damaged. With the end of the war, Northerners started to think about how to make the country bigger. They focused on building more railroads and spreading westward, across the Mississippi River, through Missouri and Kansas, over the Rocky Mountains, and all the way to California. For people in the North, life would finally start getting back to normal. They were glad to have something to make in their factories other than weapons and uniforms for war.

Most of the battles had been fought in the South. Southerners were relieved that the war was over as well, even if the Confederacy had lost the war. At least there was no more fighting. Nearly all the towns and cities were now ruined and burned, smashed by cannonballs, and ransacked by armies in search of food. Farmlands, roads, railroad tracks, and bridges had been destroyed as well.

Times were hardest, by far, in the South after the war. The U.S. government sent money and supplies, as well as soldiers, to keep order and start rebuilding towns and cities. This was called Reconstruction, because they were rebuilding—or reconstructing—the South. But it would take many years before there would be true peace, prosperity, and equality in the South.

For millions of enslaved African Americans in the South, all of this destruction not only meant the end of the war, it meant freedom from a life of slavery. The enslaved Africans were now free people. They could not be forced to work on plantations anymore; they could not be sent away from their families anymore; they were free from slavery and ready to start their lives over again.
Remember earlier you heard that it took some time for news to travel? Well, it took two months for the news that the war had ended to reach African Americans in the state of Texas. The union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19th, 1865, to announce the end of the war and the abolishment of slavery. When the African American people in Galveston heard the news, they immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, music, and dancing. Today Juneteenth is a holiday tradition celebrated annually on June 19th in many states across the country. It is the oldest known celebration recognizing the end of slavery.

Show image 11A-5: Northern city

Many African Americans freed from slavery wanted to get as far away from the South as possible. Some moved north, to cities like Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, New York, and Washington, D.C. Many arrived with no possessions and no money—nothing but the clothing on their backs and hope for a better life. They worked in factories, built new businesses, and created new neighborhoods, schools, and communities. However, African Americans still faced some of the toughest challenges of all, for although they were free, they did not have all the same rights as white Americans in the North or the South.

The end of the Civil War was the beginning of a new age in America. There were still hard times ahead, as well as sadness, but the country was unified as a single nation.

Show image 11A-6: Lincoln Memorial

The Civil War produced many heroes, including one of the most famous Americans of all: Abraham Lincoln. His face appears today on U.S. money, including the penny and the five-dollar bill. There are thousands of towns, buildings, roads, bridges, tunnels (such as the Lincoln Tunnel in New York), and people named after him. In Washington, D.C., there is a giant monument honoring him called the Lincoln Memorial.
One hundred years after the Civil War, an African American named Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and gave the very famous “I Have a Dream” speech. One hundred years after the end of slavery, Dr. King and other African Americans continued to work and struggle for fair treatment and equal rights.

**Show image 11A-7: Harriet Tubman**

Throughout the Civil War, Harriet Tubman continued risking her life to free slaves and end slavery. During some battles, she also worked as a nurse and sometimes as a spy for the Union Army. Because Harriet Tubman knew the roads and secret trails all around Maryland, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, she was able to spy on the Confederate Army, telling Union generals which direction the army was going and how many men they had.

After the war, Harriet Tubman moved to Washington, D.C., where she helped the thousands of newly freed African Americans find jobs and homes and begin their lives anew. She also worked for women’s rights. During the time of the Civil War, women—black and white alike—were not allowed to vote. That was one of the many important changes America still had to make in order for all of its citizens to be truly free.

**Show image 11A-8: Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee**

Ulysses S. Grant was a hero throughout the North. He went on to become president of the United States in 1869. His old rival, Robert E. Lee, moved back to his farm in Virginia, but he was never the same again. He died five years later, sad and regretful, haunted by all the things he could have or should have done differently during the war, but was still proud to have fought for Virginia.
In many parts of America, people were eager to move on into the future. The war had brought about a few positive changes besides freeing the African Americans and keeping the country together. The North had developed new railroad lines to help deliver war supplies. Companies were eager to expand those railroads, especially those in the West. Within a few years, there were new railroads crisscrossing the country, from New York to California and back again.\textsuperscript{18}

Telegraph wires had expanded, as well. So, it became possible for a person in New York and a person in California to communicate, share news, and conduct business without waiting weeks for a letter to be delivered by train or on horseback.\textsuperscript{19}

In northern factories and schools, the Civil War had encouraged a new generation of inventors and scientists.\textsuperscript{20} Now that the war was over, those inventors could think about new ways to help people, instead of thinking of ways to win the war. They invented new trains, new telegraphs, and new machines of all sorts. Doctors had discovered new types of medicine and new ways to treat injuries and diseases.

The Civil War changed the United States in many ways. Hundreds of thousands of men were dead, millions were wounded and badly injured. At the same time, the nation was once again one nation, and millions of former enslaved African Americans were now free. Many fought for this freedom, including many African Americans. Now all Americans were working toward a better, brighter future.
Discussing the Read-Aloud

Comprehension Questions

1. **Literal** Who won the war? (the Union) Who surrendered to whom at Appomattox? (Lee surrendered to Grant.)

2. **Inferential** How long did the Civil War last? (four years) What did the end of the war mean? (The country was united again; slavery ended.)

3. **Inferential** Who had the bigger challenge after the war, the North or the South? (the South) Why? (The South had to deal with more destruction because most of the war was fought in the South.)

4. **Inferential** What kinds of changes took place after the war ended? (more railroads; better communication; many African Americans moving north; new inventions; etc.)

5. **Inferential** What did Harriet Tubman do after the war? (She helped the newly freed African Americans find homes and jobs; she worked for women’s rights.)

6. **Literal** What did Ulysses S. Grant do after the war? (He became president.)

[Please continue to model the *Think Pair Share* process for students, as necessary, and scaffold students in their use of the process.]

I am going to ask a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally, I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

7. **Evaluative** *Think Pair Share:* How do you think President Lincoln felt when the war was finally over? (Answers may vary.)

8. After hearing today’s read-aloud and questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions? [If time permits, you may wish to allow for individual, group, or class research of the text and/or other resources to answer these questions.]
1. In the read-aloud you heard, “It had taken four long years, but the United States was on its way to being united again.”

2. Say the word united with me.

3. If something is united, it is not divided, but together as one.

4. The students were united in their request for a new playground.

5. Have you ever seen a group of people working together? Try to use the word united when you tell about it. [Ask two or three students. If necessary, guide and/or rephrase students’ responses: “______ were united when . . . ”]

6. What’s the word we’ve been talking about?

Use an Antonyms activity for follow-up. Directions: You heard in the read-aloud that united means together as one. The opposite, or antonym, of united is divided. Before the Civil War, the United States was divided over the issue of slavery. I am going to read several scenarios. If I describe people working together as one, say, “They are united.” If I describe people not working together, say, “They are divided.”

1. a room full of people fighting (They are divided.)

2. all of the states in the United States today (They are united.)

3. students arguing about how to decorate the cafeteria for a party (They are divided.)

4. parents discussing how they can help raise money for the school (They are united.)

5. basketball teammates passing the ball to each other and scoring a basket (They are united.)

Complete Remainder of the Lesson Later in the Day
Map of the Civil War (Instructional Master 11B-1)

Remind students that there were many battles over the course of the four years before Lee’s surrender at Appomattox. Tell them that the worksheet shows the location of major Civil War battles and Lee’s surrender. Help students use the map key to answer the following questions:

- In which states were there major Civil War battles? (Virginia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, etc.) Were they Union or Confederate states?
- Which state had the most major battles? (Virginia) Why do you think Virginia had the most?
- Where and when did General Lee surrender to General Grant? (Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 9, 1865)

Have students write a complete sentence to answer each question on the worksheet.

Above and Beyond: For those students who are ready to do so, have them complete Instructional Master 11B-1 independently.

Timeline

Review the events that have already been depicted on the timeline. Show students Image Card 17 (Lee’s surrender to Grant). Ask students to describe this event. Ask where this card should be placed on the timeline. Help students to understand that Lee’s surrender took place before the founding of the American Red Cross but after the Emancipation Proclamation. Ask a student to place the Image Card on the timeline to show when this event occurred.
Civil War Journal (Instructional Master 11B-2)

Have students use Instructional Master 11B-2 to write at least three sentences about the end of the war. Tell students that their sentences should explain who won the war, who surrendered, and what changes took place as a result of the war’s end.

If time allows, students may also illustrate what they have written. Give students the opportunity to share their writing and drawings with a partner or with the class.

Now that students have completed all of the journal entries, you will want to find a time to put all of students’ pages inside a cover. Have students write a title, include his or her name as the author/illustrator, and draw an illustration on the cover.
Note to Teacher

You should spend one day reviewing and reinforcing the material in this domain. You may have students do any combination of the activities provided, in either whole-group or small-group settings.

Core Content Objectives Addressed in This Domain

Students will:

- Demonstrate familiarity with slavery and the controversy over slavery in the United States
- Describe the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman
- Identify the Underground Railroad as a system of escape for enslaved Africans in the United States
- Demonstrate familiarity with the poems “Harriet Tubman” and “Lincoln”
- Demonstrate familiarity with the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd”
- Differentiate between the North and the South
- Describe the adult life and contributions of Abraham Lincoln
- Differentiate between the Union and the Confederacy and the states associated with each
- Describe why the southern states seceded from the United States
- Identify the U.S. Civil War, or the War Between the States, as a war waged because of differences between the North and the South
- Identify the people of the North as “Yankees” and those of the South as “Rebels”
- Define the differences between the Union and the Confederacy
✓ Explain Abraham Lincoln’s role in keeping the Union together during the U.S. Civil War

✓ Identify Robert E. Lee as the commander of the Confederate Army

✓ Explain why Lee was reluctant to command either the Union or Confederate Army

✓ Identify Clara Barton as the “Angel of the Battlefield” and the founder of the American Red Cross

✓ Describe the work of the American Red Cross

✓ Identify Abraham Lincoln as the author of the Emancipation Proclamation

✓ Explain the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation

✓ Identify Ulysses S. Grant as the commander of the Union Army

✓ Explain that the North’s victory re-united the North and the South as one country and ended slavery

**Student Performance Task Assessment**

Ⅺ **Riddles for Core Content**

Ask students riddles such as the following to review core content:

- I was the commander in chief of the Union Army. Who am I? (Abraham Lincoln)
- My nickname was “The Old Man,” and I led the Confederate Army. Who am I? (General Robert E. Lee)
- I helped gather medical supplies for the wounded soldiers and was nicknamed “Angel of the Battlefield.” Who am I? (Clara Barton)
- I am a song that gave a coded message to the enslaved Africans about the Underground Railroad. What am I called? (“Follow the Drinking Gourd”)
- I was an important announcement from President Lincoln that changed the focus of the war to slavery. What am I called? (the Emancipation Proclamation)
• I commanded the Union Army and demanded “unconditional surrender” from the Confederates. Who am I? (General Grant)

• We fought together to pressure political leaders to end slavery. Who are we? (abolitionists)

• I earned my nickname because I stood like a stone wall against the Union Army. What was my nickname? (Stonewall Jackson)

• I was a spy for the Union Army because I knew the roads and secret trails around Maryland and Pennsylvania. Who am I? (Harriet Tubman)

**Review Activities**

**Image Review**

Show the Flip Book images from any read-aloud again, and have students retell the read-aloud using the images.

**Image Card Review**

Option 1: Pass out Image Cards 9–11, 13–16, and 17 used for the timeline to eight students. Have them arrange the cards to show the correct sequence.

Option 2: Help the class identify all of the Image Cards. Then pass them out to various students. Have one student stand and identify his/her image. Ask any other students who think their card is connected to join the person standing and then explain the connection. For example, if the first person had the card for Abraham Lincoln, the person with the card for the Emancipation Proclamation could join him/her and explain that Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation.

Option 3: Help students identify all of the Image Cards and brainstorm what has been learned about each. Then give students the various Image Cards. Have students do a Question? Pair Share for each Image Card. For example, for the picture of Harriett Tubman, a student might ask, “What is Harriett Tubman famous for doing?”
You Were There: Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, Surrender at Appomattox

Have students pretend that they were at one of the important events during the Civil War. Ask students to describe what they saw and heard. For example, for the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, students may talk about seeing the soldier, the scroll, etc. They may talk about hearing people cheering, clapping, etc. Consider also extending this activity by adding group or independent writing opportunities associated with the “You Were There” concept. For example, ask students to pretend they are newspaper reporters describing the surrender at Appomattox Court House and write a group news article describing the event.

Class Book: The U.S. Civil War

Materials: Drawing paper, drawing tools

Tell the class or a group of students that they are going to make a class book to help them remember what they have learned in this domain. Have students brainstorm important information about the Civil War, Robert E. Lee, Clara Barton, the Emancipation Proclamation, Ulysses S. Grant, and Abraham Lincoln. Have each student choose one idea to draw a picture of and then write a caption for the picture. Bind the pages to make a book to put in the class library for students to read again and again.

Using a Map

Use a map of the United States to review various locations from the read-alouds. Ask questions such as the following:

- The bombardment of Fort Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina, marked the beginning of the Civil War. Can anyone find South Carolina on a map? Was South Carolina part of the North or the South? (the South)

- General Lee surrendered to General Grant at the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Can anyone find Virginia on the map? Was Virginia part of the North or the South? (the South)
• One of the major battles of the Civil War was at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Can anyone find Pennsylvania on the map? Was Pennsylvania part of the North or the South? (the North)

Compare/Contrast

Materials: Chart paper

Tell students that there are many things to compare and contrast in the read-alouds they have heard so far. Remind students that to compare means to tell how things or people are similar, and to contrast is to tell how things or people are different. Have students choose a topic from the following list to compare/contrast on a chart. You may do this individually or as a class.

• General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee
• Harriet Tubman and Clara Barton
• U.S. President Lincoln and Confederate President Davis
• Yankees and Rebels

You may wish to extend this activity by using the chart as a prewriting tool and having students write two paragraphs, one describing similarities and the other describing differences.

Above and Beyond: For any students who are ready, you may wish to have them go through a full writing process, modeling the different stages of writing: plan, draft, and edit.

Sequencing Events

Materials: Instructional Master DR-1

Have students use Instructional Master DR-1 to sequence events related to the Civil War.
This domain assessment evaluates each student’s retention of domain and academic vocabulary words and the core content targeted in *The U.S. Civil War*. The results should guide review and remediation the following day.

There are three parts to this assessment. You may choose to do the parts in more than one sitting if you feel this is more appropriate for your students. Part I (vocabulary assessment) is divided into two sections: the first assesses domain-related vocabulary, and the second assesses academic vocabulary. Parts II and III of the assessment address the core content targeted in *The U.S. Civil War*.

**Part I (Instructional Master DA-1)**

Directions: I am going to say a sentence using a word you have heard in the read-alouds. First I will say the word, and then I will use it in a sentence. If I use the word correctly in my sentence, circle the smiling face. If I do not use the word correctly in my sentence, circle the frowning face. I will say each sentence two times. Let’s do number one together.

1. **Plantations**: Plantations are large farms where crops are raised. (smiling face)

2. **Slavery**: Slavery is when people are free to make choices for themselves and are paid for their work. (frowning face)

3. **Abolitionists**: Abolitionists wanted to use enslaved Africans to work for them, and thought it was fine if others did, too. (frowning face)

4. **Economy**: The northern economy depended more on factories, and the southern economy depended more on growing crops and slave labor. (smiling face)

5. **Confederacy**: The Confederacy was the collection of northern states that did not secede from the United States. (frowning face)
6. **Union**: The Union was made up of the northern states that did not secede from the United States. *(smiling face)*

7. **Civil war**: A civil war is a war between different groups of people or regions within one country. *(smiling face)*

8. **Rebels**: Rebels was the name given to the Union soldiers. *(frowning face)*

9. **Emancipation Proclamation**: The Emancipation Proclamation said that slavery would be abolished in the Confederate states. *(smiling face)*

10. **Yankees**: The Yankees fought for the Union. *(smiling face)*

Directions: I am going to read more sentences using other words you have heard in the read-alouds. If I use the word correctly in my sentence, circle the smiling face. If I do not use the word correctly in my sentence, circle the frowning face. I will say each sentence two times.

11. **Value**: A broken pencil is of great value when you are trying to take a test. *(frowning face)*

12. **Expand**: The balloon continued to expand until it suddenly popped. *(smiling face)*

13. **Issue**: The issue of slavery was one of the main causes of the U.S. Civil War. *(smiling face)*

14. **Advisors**: President Lincoln used many advisors to help him make decisions during his presidency. *(smiling face)*

15. **Defeat**: When a team loses a game, we can say they experienced a defeat. *(smiling face)*

**Part II (Instructional Master DA-2)**

Directions: Let’s read the names in each row together. I will read a sentence about one of the people you learned about related to the U.S. Civil War. You will circle the name of the person I am describing.

1. I was president during the U.S. Civil War. *(Barton, Lincoln, Grant)*

2. I commanded the Confederate Army. *(Lee, Grant, Tubman)*
3. I was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. (Barton, Tubman, Lincoln)

4. I commanded the Union Army. (Lincoln, Grant, Lee)

5. I helped wounded soldiers get the medical supplies and care they needed. (Lincoln, Lincoln, Barton)

6. I wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. (Lincoln, Grant, Lee)

7. I was an enslaved African who escaped to Pennsylvania to gain my freedom. (Barton, Tubman, Grant)

8. I surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox. (Lincoln, Tubman, Lee)

9. I founded the American Red Cross. (Barton, Tubman, Lincoln)

10. I was a spy for the Union Army because I knew the roads and the secret trails around Maryland and Pennsylvania. (Lincoln, Barton, Tubman)

Part III (Instructional Master DA-3)

Directions: Write a complete sentence to answer each question or statement.

Note: Some students may need to respond orally. For the first question you will need to play the song, or read the lyrics for, “Follow the Drinking Gourd.”

1. How was the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd” important during the time of the U.S. Civil War?

2. What was the Underground Railroad?

3. What caused the U.S. Civil War?

4. List two ways that the North and the South were different.

5. Why did some southern states secede, or break away from, the United States?

6. What did the end of the U.S. Civil War mean for the North and the South and for enslaved Africans?

7. What was the most interesting thing you learned about the U.S. Civil War?
Note to Teacher

Please use this final day to address class results of the Domain Assessment. Based on the results of the Domain Assessment and students' Tens scores, you may wish to use this class time to provide remediation opportunities that target specific areas of weakness for individual students, small groups, or the whole class. Alternatively, you may also choose to use this class time to extend or enrich students’ experience with domain knowledge. A number of enrichment activities are provided below in order to provide students with opportunities to enliven their experiences with domain concepts.

Remediation

You may choose to regroup students according to particular areas of weakness, as indicated from Domain Assessment results and students’ Tens scores.

Remediation opportunities include:

• targeting Review Activities
• revisiting lesson Extensions
• rereading and discussing select read-alouds
• reading the corresponding lesson in the Supplemental Guide, if available

Enrichment

Key Vocabulary Brainstorming

Materials: Chart paper, chalkboard, or whiteboard

Give students a key domain concept or vocabulary word such as Yankees. Have them brainstorm everything that comes to mind when they hear the word, such as North, Union, etc. Record
their responses on chart paper, a chalkboard or a whiteboard for reference.

Class Book: The U.S. Civil War

Materials: Drawing paper, drawing tools

Tell the class or a group of students that they are going to make a class book to help them remember what they have learned in this domain. Have students brainstorm important information about the Civil War, Robert E. Lee, Clara Barton, the Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln, and Ulysses S. Grant. Have each student choose one idea to draw a picture of and then write a caption for the picture. Bind the pages to make a book to put in the class library for students to read again and again.

Civil War Journals

Students may share and discuss their Civil War journal entries with a partner or with the class. You may wish to bind students’ individual journals now that they are complete.

Domain-Related Trade Book or Student Choice

Domain-Related Trade Book

Refer to the list of recommended trade books in the Introduction, and choose one to read aloud to the class. As you read, use the same strategies that you have been using when reading the read-aloud selections in this Anthology—pause and ask occasional questions; rapidly clarify critical vocabulary within the context of the read-aloud; etc. After you finish reading the trade book aloud, lead students in a discussion as to how the story or information in this book relates to the read-alouds in this domain. Discuss whether the trade book was fiction or nonfiction, fantasy or reality, historical or contemporary.

You may also ask students to write about the most interesting thing they learned from the trade book. You may suggest how to begin the sentence by writing on the board, “The most interesting thing I learned was . . .”
**Student Choice**

Ask students which read-aloud they have heard recently that they would like to hear again. If necessary, reread the titles of recent read-alouds to refresh students’ memories. You may also want to choose one yourself.

Reread the text that is selected. Feel free to pause at different places in the read-aloud this time and talk about vocabulary and information that you did not discuss previously during the read-aloud.

After the read-aloud, ask students if they noticed anything new or different during the second reading that they did not notice during the first reading. Also, ask them to try to express why they like this read-aloud. Remember to repeat and expand upon each response using richer and more complex language, including, if possible, any read-aloud vocabulary.

**Writing Prompts**

Students may be given an additional writing prompt such as the following:

- Clara Barton was a brave woman because . . .
- When the Civil War ended . . .
- If I could meet any person from Civil War times I would want to meet . . .

**Perspective**

**Materials: Writing paper**

Have students choose a character from the read-alouds they have heard so far. Tell them that they are going to write two or three sentences about the war from that character’s perspective. Remind them that perspective is how someone sees or experiences something. Elaborate, saying that Clara Barton’s perspective of the Civil War would have been very different from Confederate President Jefferson Davis’s perspective. Prompt them with questions such as, “What does your character think about the war? Is your character involved in the war? How?”
• Clara Barton
• General Grant
• General Lee
• a civilian watching the Battle of Manassas
• Confederate President Jefferson Davis

Allow students to share their writing with the class and ask each other questions. Remember to expand on each student’s response using richer and more complex language, including, if possible, any read-aloud vocabulary.

Make a Scene Depicting Juneteenth

Materials: Drawing paper, drawing tools

Explain to students that they will draw and color a scene that depicts the holiday Juneteenth they heard about in the read-aloud “The End of the War”. Remind students that this is the oldest known celebration recognizing the end of slavery, and that it began in the state of Texas in the year 1865. Review with students that when people celebrate Juneteenth, they may do so with a picnic or family gathering, feasting, performing, and/or praying. You may wish to further explain that this holiday has grown in importance over time, and that today it stands for education, achievement, self-improvement, and taking a moment to reflect and plan for the future. Explain to students that they will be asked to give their drawing a title and caption. To further support this activity, after students have completed the drawing activity, they may be divided up into groups to perform skits of this important holiday based on their drawings. Finally, explain to students that when they perform their skits, they must use one core vocabulary word in their dialogue.

Red Cross Volunteer

Invite a volunteer from the local Red Cross to come in and talk with your class about the work that s/he does with the Red Cross. You may help your students formulate questions to ask the guest speaker.
Research Activity

If any questions were left unanswered about the northern or southern economies, southern plantations, or the evolution of flags during the Civil War, give students the opportunity to continue their research on these topics. Encourage students to present their findings to a group of students or to the class.
For Teacher Reference Only:

Copies of *Tell It Again! Workbook*
Directions: Follow the teacher's instructions to show how slavery contrasts with freedom by drawing or writing in each column:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Slavery</th>
<th>Freedom</th>
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Dear Family Member,

During the next several days, your child will be learning about what life was like in the North and the South shortly before the U.S. Civil War. S/he will learn about slavery and its controversy, the differences between the North and the South, and how the U.S. Civil War began. S/he will also learn about some geographic locations, as well as some important people involved in the Civil War, including Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln. Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about this time leading up to the U.S. Civil War.

1. **Song: “Follow the Drinking Gourd”**

   Listen to the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd” with your child. Discuss why this song was associated with the South. Point out the Big Dipper (also known as the Drinking Gourd) in the sky, and help your child find the North Star. Discuss why this star was so important to the slaves.

2. **Using a Map**

   Help your child locate the areas of the North and the South on a map of the United States. Have your child tell you some of the differences between the two at the time of the U.S. Civil War.

3. **Harriet Tubman**

   Your child will learn about the harsh conditions of a slave’s life by hearing about Harriet Tubman’s childhood. Ask your child why s/he thinks Harriet Tubman chose to escape as an adult and why she returned to the South many times after her escape. Ask your child to tell you about the Underground Railroad.

4. **Abraham Lincoln**

   Talk with your child about this important historical figure. Point out his image on a penny or five-dollar bill. Discuss the contributions that he made. Ask your child what role Abraham Lincoln had in the U.S. Civil War and what monument was built in his honor.
5. Words to Use

Below is a list of some of the words that your child will be learning about and using. Try to use these words as they come up in everyday speech with your child.

- **plantations**—The South was home to many cotton plantations during the time of the U.S. Civil War.
- **slavery**—Slavery in the United States was finally ended after the U.S. Civil War.
- **Underground Railroad**—The Underground Railroad was a secret route used by slaves to escape to the North.
- **rebellious**—Because slaves wanted their freedom, they were considered rebellious.
- **economy**—The economy of the North was largely dependent on factories, whereas the economy of the South was largely dependent on plantations.

6. Read Aloud Each Day

It is very important that you read with your child every day. There should be time to read to your child and also time to listen to your child read to you. I have attached a list of recommended trade books related to the U.S. Civil War that may be found at the library in addition to several resources found on the Internet.

Be sure to let your child know how much you enjoy hearing about what s/he has learned at school.
**Recommended Trade Books for The U.S. Civil War**

Note: We recommend that you preview all books before reading them to your child in order to determine whether the content is appropriate for him or her. A number of the trade books examine various aspects of the brutality of slavery, which may be disturbing to your child.


Websites and Other Resources

*Family Resources*

1. Map of U.S. During Civil War
   http://www2.lhric.org/pocantico/civilwar/map.htm

2. Civil War Word Search
   http://www2.lhric.org/pocantico/civilwar/wordsearch.htm

3. Interactive Map: The Underground Railroad
   http://eduplace.com/kids/socsci/books/applications/imaps/maps/g5s_u6/index.html

4. Harriet Tubman
   http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p1535.html

5. Clara Barton National Historic Site
   http://www.nps.gov/features/clba/feat0001/flash.html

*Student Resources*

1. The Civil War for Kids
   http://www.civilwarkids.com/index.html

2. The History Channel's Civil War 150
   http://www.history.com/interactives/civil-war-150/#/home
Directions: Use this paper for your writing and drawing. Remember to write complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with the correct punctuation.
Follow the Drinking Gourd

This old African-American spiritual, known as a “coded” song, was used to deliver a message to those held in bondage. The lyrics are full of codes to help those seeking freedom to find their way north. For example, the “Drinking Gourd” is actually the Big Dipper, which points to the North Star.

Melody and Lyrics by Anonymous
2. The riverbank makes a very good road,
   The dead trees will show you the way.
   Left foot, peg foot, traveling on,
   Follow the drinking gourd.

   Chorus

3. The river ends between two hills,
   Follow the drinking gourd.
   There's another river on the other side,
   Follow the drinking gourd.

   Chorus

4. When the great big river meets the little river,
   Follow the drinking gourd.
   For the old man is awaiting for
   to carry you to freedom
   If you follow the drinking gourd.

   Chorus
Directions: Follow the teacher's instructions to show what you learned about the North and the South by drawing or writing in each column.

| the North | the South |
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Directions: Look at the map of the United States at the beginning of the Civil War. Use the map key to locate and then color the states of the Union blue, the states of the Confederacy gray, and the border states green.
Directions: Match the words in the block with the sentences below. Write the word that the sentence describes.

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2. I am a very large farm where large amounts of crops are grown. What am I called? ______________

3. I am the secret way enslaved Africans escaped to freedom in the North. What am I called? ______________

4. My job was to help lead enslaved Africans, called passengers, to freedom on the Underground Railroad. What am I called? ______________

5. I am an imaginary line between the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and I separate where slavery was allowed and where it was not. What am I called? ______________
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7. I was the group of southern states that seceded from the United States. What am I? __________

8. I am one of the main issues that caused the U.S. Civil War. What am I? __________

9. I was elected president because people in the North believed I would not allow slavery to expand. Who am I? __________

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Dear Family Member,

I hope your child has enjoyed learning about what life was like in the North and the South before the U.S. Civil War. Over the next several days, s/he will learn about the armies of the Union and the Confederacy as the battles began, as well as the generals who led those armies. S/he will also learn about several other important events and people, including the Emancipation Proclamation, Clara Barton, and the conclusion of the Civil War, which began an important annual holiday—Juneteenth. Below are some suggestions for activities that you may do at home to reinforce what your child is learning about the U.S. Civil War.

1. **Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee**

   Have your child talk about the important jobs of these two generals. Talk about how Grant and Lee were similar and how they were different.

2. **Clara Barton**

   Ask your child to tell you about the important work of Clara Barton and how she helped care for soldiers during the Civil War. Discuss with your child what it means to be compassionate. Talk about ways for your child to be helpful to those around him/her, even when it isn’t easy. Whenever there is mention in the news of the work of the Red Cross, ask your child who founded the American Red Cross.

3. **Sayings and Phrases: Easier Said Than Done**

   Your child has learned the saying “easier said than done.” Talk with your child about its meaning. Share something that you have accomplished that was much harder to do than you had originally thought. Find opportunities to use this saying again and again.

4. **Words to Use**

   Below is a list of some of the words that your child has been learning about and using. Try to use these words as they come up in everyday speech with your child.
   - *civilians*—We are so thankful to have firefighters and police officers working to protect civilians.
   - *general*—Robert E. Lee was a very experienced general.
   - *abolished*—It took many years for slavery to finally be abolished.
• *emancipation*—The Emancipation Proclamation stated that slavery would not be allowed to expand.

• *monument*—Have you ever seen the Washington Monument?

5. **Read Aloud Each Day**

   It is very important that you read with your child every day. There should be time to read to your child and also time to listen to your child read to you. Remember to use the recommended trade book list sent with the first parent letter.

   Be sure to let your child know how much you enjoy hearing about what s/he has learned at school.
Directions: Think about what you heard in the read-aloud to fill in the chart using words or sentences.

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3. Where and when did General Lee surrender to General Grant?
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There were major Civil War battles in Virginia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, etc.

2. Which state had the most major battles?
Virginia had the most major battles.

3. Where and when did General Lee surrender to General Grant?
General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 9, 1865.
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2. What was the Underground Railroad?
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3. What caused the U.S. Civil War?
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4. List two ways that the North and the South were different.
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5. Why did some southern states secede, or break away from, the United States?

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6. What did the end of the U.S. Civil War mean for the North and the South and for enslaved Africans?

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7. What was the most interesting thing you learned about the U.S. Civil War?

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Simply find the number of correct answers the student produced along the top of the chart and the number of total questions on the worksheet or activity along the left side. Then find the cell where the column and the row converge. This indicates the Tens score. By using the Tens Conversion Chart, you can easily convert any raw score, from 0 to 20, into a Tens score.

Please note that the Tens Conversion Chart was created to be used with assessments that have a defined number of items (such as written assessments). However, teachers are encouraged to use the Tens system to record informal observations as well. Observational Tens scores are based on your observations during class. It is suggested that you use the following basic rubric for recording observational Tens scores.

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