Civil War Test Study Guide

**Election of 1860 and Secession**:

1860:

1. What was the effect of Lincoln’s Election in 1860?
2. Describe the arguments/justifications for and against secession.

**The Early Years of War**:

1861:

1. Identify the Union and Confederate war strategy.
2. Describe the advantages/disadvantages of North and South.
3. What was Cotton Diplomacy? And why did it ultimately fail?
4. Why was Ft. Sumter an important battle?
5. Describe the significance of the 1st Battle of Bull Run.

1862:

1. Describe the importance of Ironclads.
2. What was the most notable feature of the Battle of Shiloh?
3. The battle of Antietam is known the be what?
4. What are the two most significant features of the battle of Fredericksburg?
5. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

**Turning Points**:

1863:

1. What was the most significant outcome of the battle of Chancellorsville?
2. What was the most significant outcome of the siege of Vicksburg?

1. Battle of Gettysburg is considered to be what?
2. Describe the significance of the Gettysburg Address.
3. Describe the significance of the Union’s capture of Atlanta.
4. What was Gen. Sherman’s war strategy in the South/March to the Sea? Did he accomplish it? If so, How?

**The End**:

1. Why was Petersburg significant to both sides?
2. What made Petersburg unlike most sieges?
3. How long did it take for the Union Troops to take Petersburg?
4. What happened at Appomattox Courthouse?

**Reconstruction**:

1. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln?
2. Describe Lincoln’s plan for Reconstruction.
3. Describe Andrew Johnson’s Plan for Reconstruction.
4. Describe the Radical Republicans plan for Reconstruction.
5. What was the Freedman’s Bureau?
6. What was the Wade-Davis Bill?
7. What was the Ten Percent Plan?
8. What were Black Codes?
9. What is the 13th Amendment?
10. What is the 14th Amendment?
11. What is the 15th Amendment?
12. What was the Homestead Act? What was it designed to do?
13. How did Rutherford B Hayes contribute to the end of Reconstruction?