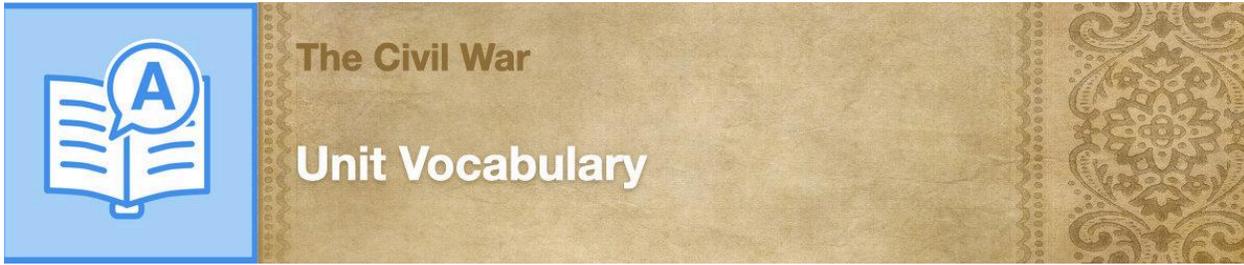


Experience	Word	Definition
African Americans in the Civil War	agency	the ability to make choices and take action for oneself even when facing limits or control
The End of the War	amnesty	a government decision to officially forgive a group of people for past actions, often related to rebellion or war
Challenging Slavery	Bleeding Kansas	a period of violent conflict in the Kansas Territory over whether slavery would be allowed
Challenging Slavery	Border Ruffians	proslavery supporters from Missouri who crossed into Kansas to influence elections and intimidate opponents
The Early War	campaign	a series of planned military actions meant to achieve a specific goal in a war
Impacts of the War in the North	conscription	a system in which the government requires people to serve in the military
African Americans in the Civil War	contraband	enslaved people who escaped to Union lines and were treated as seized enemy property
The Emancipation Proclamation	designate	to officially choose or name someone or something for a specific role or purpose
The Dred Scott Case	disenfranchise	to take away a person's right to vote or participate in government
Impacts of the War in the South	desertion	leaving the military without permission, especially during a time of war
Impacts of the War in the South	discontent	a feeling of unhappiness or dissatisfaction with a situation
Impacts of the War in the North	draft	the process of selecting people to join the military, often during a war
The Early War	emancipation	the act of freeing people from slavery or control and granting them freedom
The Emancipation Proclamation	executive order	a rule or command issued by the President that has the force of law without approval from Congress



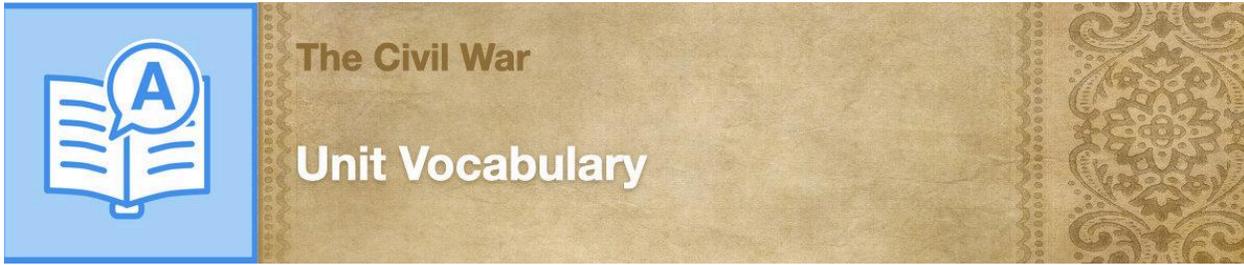
The Outbreak of War	Fort Sumter	a United States military fort in South Carolina, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired
Increasing Conflict over Slavery	Free-Soilers	people who opposed the expansion of slavery into western territories and wanted land available for free workers
Challenging Slavery	Free-Staters	settlers in Kansas who opposed the expansion of slavery and wanted the territory to be free
Challenging Slavery	freedom suit	a lawsuit filed by an enslaved person claiming the right to freedom based on legal grounds
The Early War	gunboats	small, heavily armed ships used to attack enemies or protect waterways
Impacts of the War in the North	home front	the everyday life and activities of people at home during a time of war
Impacts of the War in the South	impressment	the act of taking people or goods by force for government or military use
Impacts of the War in the North	inflation	an increase in prices that makes money buy less than it did before
Turning Points in the War	ironclad	a type of 19th century warship covered with iron armor that protected it from enemy fire and made it stronger than wooden ships
The Dred Scott Case	irreconcilable	describing differences or disagreements that cannot be resolved
The Dred Scott Case	jurisdiction	the authority of a government or court to make decisions and enforce laws in a specific area
Lincoln and Davis	legitimate	lawful; in accordance with established laws, rules, or standards
Lincoln and Davis	legitimacy	the quality of being lawful, fair, and accepted as right or true by others
Impacts of the War in the South	loot	to steal goods, especially during a riot, war, or disaster
Challenging Slavery	manumission	the act of formally freeing an enslaved person by their enslaver



The Civil War

Unit Vocabulary

African Americans in the Civil War	Militia Act of 1862	a law that allowed African American men to serve in the Union Army, first in non-combat roles
The Early War	naval blockade	a strategy where ships block ports or coastlines to stop supplies and trade from reaching an enemy
The End of the War	parole	the release of captured soldiers after they promise not to fight again unless officially exchanged
Increasing Conflict over Slavery	popular sovereignty	the idea that people living in a territory should vote to decide whether slavery would be allowed
The Dred Scott Case	precedent	an earlier action or decision that is used as an example for future situations
The Early War	preliminary	happening before the main event or action
Challenging Slavery	prelude	an earlier event or situation that comes before and helps lead to something larger or more important
The End of the War	presidential pardon	an official forgiveness granted by the president that removes legal punishment for a crime
The Outbreak of War	preserve	to keep something safe, protected, or unchanged
Impacts of the War in the South	profiteering	making unfair or excessive profit, especially during a time of crisis
Impacts of the War in the North	quota	a set limit on the amount of something that is allowed or required
African Americans in the Civil War	refugeeing	the forced movement of enslaved people by enslavers to keep them away from Union armies
Increasing Conflict over Slavery	Republican Party	a political party formed in the 1850s that opposed the spread of slavery into new territories
The Election of 1860 and Secession	secede	to formally withdraw from an organization or government, especially when a state leaves a larger political union



The Election of 1860 and Secession	secession	the act of formally withdrawing from a political union or government, usually to form an independent state or join another country
The Outbreak of War	stronghold	a place that is heavily defended or strongly controlled
The Outbreak of War	suppress	to stop or put an end to something by force or authority
The Early War	The Anaconda Plan	a Union strategy during the Civil War to defeat the Confederacy by blocking its ports and cutting off supplies
Increasing Conflict over Slavery	The Compromise of 1850	a series of laws passed to ease sectional tensions by admitting California as a free state and strengthening the fugitive slave law
The Election of 1860 and Secession	The Confederate States of America	the group of Southern states that left the United States in 1861 to form a separate nation that supported slavery
The Early War	The Emancipation Proclamation	an order issued by President Abraham Lincoln that declared enslaved people in Confederate states to be free
Turning Points in the War	The Gettysburg Address	a famous speech given by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 at the dedication of a cemetery to honor soldiers who died fighting in the Civil War
The End of the War	The Grant-Lee Agreement	the surrender terms that ended major fighting in the Civil War and allowed Confederate soldiers to return home peacefully
Increasing Conflict over Slavery	The Missouri Compromise	an agreement that admitted Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a free state while limiting where slavery could expand in the future