Teacher Answer Key

The Civil War Animated Battle Map (Runtime 27:28)

The American Battlefield Trust Civil War Animated Battle Map tells the story of the American Civil War from its origins to its outcomes. The following questions can be answered by students during or after viewing the Civil War Animated Battle Map. Click here to access the video.

1. What were the stereotypes of Northerners and Southerners?
   - Northerners = stubborn and arrogant
   - Southerners = lazy
2. Arguments over which key issue in the United States during the 1830s and 1840s led to Civil War?
   - Slavery
3. What crisis brought Southern slaveholders into northern territories?
   - Fugitive slave crisis.
4. What book galvanizes people against the cruelty of slavery?
   - Uncle Tom’s Cabin
5. Who attempted to lead a slave uprising that convinced southerners that their way of life and lives were in danger?
   - John Brown
6. Who was a prairie lawyer turned politician?
   - Abraham Lincoln
7. Who was a senator from Mississippi and former Secretary of War?
   - Jefferson Davis
8. Where was the first battle of the Civil War fought? Which side won?
   - Fort Sumter in South Carolina
   - Confederate Victory
9. Who refused to recognize the Confederacy and deemed secession unconstitutional?
   - President Abraham Lincoln
10. Name three Confederate victories in 1861.
    - Fort Sumter
    - First Manassas of First Bull Run
    - Wilson’s Creek
    - Ball’s Bluff
11. What does the South view the Civil War as? What did they think they needed to do to win?
    - South viewed the Civil War as the “Second War of Independence”
    - South believed they could win if they:
      - Waited till the North tired of war
12. What up and coming Union general told the Confederates at Fort Donelson that no terms except for immediate and unconditional surrender could be accepted? What was his nickname after this surrender?
   - Ulysses S. Grant
   - “Unconditional Surrender” Grant

13. The world’s first battle of ironclad warships was fought between what two ships?
   - USS Monitor
   - CSS Virginia or Merrimack

14. Who assumed command of the Confederate armies outside of Richmond in June of 1862?
   - Robert E. Lee

15. Which battle produced the bloodiest single day in American history?
   - Antietam

16. Abraham Lincoln signed what decree on January 1, 1863, that freed slaves in areas of the United States still in rebellion? After this decree, who were now allowed in the Union army?
   - The Emancipation Proclamation
   - Black soldiers or African American soldier or United States Colored Troops

17. Which event dissuades France and England from supporting the Confederacy? Why?
   - The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation
   - Both France and England had abolished slavery and could not publicly support the slavery-supporting Confederacy.

18. What is the bloodiest battle of the Civil War? Which side won?
   - Battle of Gettysburg
   - Union

19. At what 1863 battle did United States colored Troops prove their valor?
   - Fort Wagner or Battery Wagner

20. Who delivered the Gettysburg Address?
   - President Abraham Lincoln

21. Who was up for reelection in 1864?
   - Abraham Lincoln

22. Who does President Lincoln promote to General in Chief of all Union armies? How does this General plan to do to defeat the Confederacy?
   - Ulysses S. Grant
   - Plans to launch 5 simultaneous assaults in the South near Red River, Shenandoah Valley, and South of Richmond

23. What city does General Grant attack to put pressure on the Confederate capital of Richmond, VA? Why does he attack this city?
   - Petersburg, VA
24. Union General William T. Sherman advanced on what city in early 1864?
   - Atlanta, GA.

25. Name three Union victories help to seal a second term for President Abraham Lincoln?
   - Mobile Bay
   - Atlanta
   - Third Winchester
   - Cedar Creek

26. By the end of 1864, who was able to march almost at will through the Deep South?
   - Union soldiers

27. Where does Robert E. Lee surrender? Why does he surrender?
   - Appomattox Court House
   - Lee surrendered because his army was outnumbered, exhausted, and without food or supplies after escaping into rural Virginia weeks after Petersburg and Richmond were evacuated.

28. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln, and what was the assassin’s occupation?
   - John Wilkes Booth
   - Actor

29. How many Americans died during the Civil War? If the same percentage died with today’s population, how many Americans would be died?
   - 620,000 died (2% of the population)
   - More than 6.5 million people

30. What three amendments were adopted immediately after the Civil War, and what rights did they guarantee?
   - 13th, 14th, & 15th Amendments
   - Abolishes slavery, grants citizenship and voting rights to African Americans