

Teaching notes

This activity is an alternative way of testing students' knowledge/understanding of some aspects of the American Civil War and can be used as a revision exercise.

- Review 1 tests knowledge/understanding of some of the basic terminology used in the study.
- Review 2 tests knowledge/understanding of some of the main causes/outcomes of the American Civil War.

Instructions

- Each student receives a student sheet (p.4 or p.5, depending which version you are playing).
- They choose nine words from the word bank and put one word in each grid box, in any order that they wish.
- The teacher cuts out the sentence strips from their sheet and puts them in a bag/container.
- They then pull out one sentence at a time and read the definition sentence out (but not the term itself!)
- Students who have the correct term mark that box with an X.
- The winner is the student with the first row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) of correctly identified terms.
- At the end, review all sentences and answers.

Variations

- The number of boxes on the grid could be increased and other terms/names added to the word bank.
- Traditionally one line wins, but it could be two lines; one vertical and one horizontal, or any combination chosen by the teacher.
- Although designed as a class activity, it could be played in smaller groups with a student in each group taking the teacher role.
- In a preparatory lesson, students could be involved in designing the activity by, instead of being given the provided word bank, discussing and choosing the words/terms/names etc. to put in the word bank which they consider important in a study of the American Civil War.
- In the review at the end of the activity, students could discuss/suggest alternative definitions for the words in the word bank.
- If using Review 2, as well as marking a box with an X when a word is identified, students could also be asked to jot down one other piece of information about that word/term – for 10 of the 12 it could be a date.

Teachers sheet – Bingo review 1

Reconstruction	The process of restoring the Confederate states to the Union after the Civil War
Tariff	A tax put on goods brought into the United States
The Union	The northern states of the US during the Civil War
Plantation	A large estate on which a single crop such as sugar or tobacco is grown
Secession	The withdrawal of eleven southern states from the US
Abolitionist	Someone who wanted to get rid of slavery
Carpetbagger	A white American from the North who settled in the South after the Civil War
Slave labour	The economy of the southern states relied on this.
Confederacy	Those southern states who left the Union in 1861
Free state	A state of the United States in which slavery did not exist
Emancipation	The act of setting free from slavery
Federal system	The central government decides on subjects that affect all the states, but each state has power over its own internal affairs

Teachers sheet – Bingo review 2

Nat Turner's rebellion	Led to further restrictions on the education of slaves and their right to meet together
Fort Sumter	Saw the first shots of the American Civil War fired
13th Amendment	Confirmed the Emancipation Proclamation which had abolished slavery
Uncle Tom's Cabin	A book which attacked the practice of slavery
15th Amendment	Gave African American men the right to vote
14th Amendment	Guaranteed all American citizens equality under the law
John Brown's raid	Involved a store of weapons at Harper's Ferry
Compromise of 1877	This ended the period of Reconstruction
Reconstruction Acts	These had to be implemented by the Confederate states before they could be re-admitted to the Union
Kansas-Nebraska Act	This repealed (ended) the Missouri Compromise
Tariff of 1828	Raised the cost of living in the southern states
Missouri Compromise	This set a boundary line for the existence of slavery

Student sheet

Name:

Bingo review 1

- Choose nine words from the word bank below.
- Fill up the grid above by writing your chosen words into the boxes, in any order that you choose.
- If, as your teacher reads out a definition, it applies to one of your chosen words, mark that box with an X.
- The winner is the first person to get a row of three correct.

Word bank

Reconstruction

Secession

Confederacy

Tariff

Abolitionist

Free state

The Union

Carpetbagger

Emancipation

Plantation

Slave labour

Federal System

Student sheet

Name:

Bingo review 2

- Choose nine words from the word bank below.
- Fill up the grid above by writing your chosen words into the boxes, in any order that you choose.
- If, as your teacher reads out a definition, it applies to one of your chosen words, mark that box with an X.
- The winner is the first person to get a row of three correct.

Word bank

Nat Turner's Rebellion

Uncle Tom's Cabin

Tariff of 1828

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