

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

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SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER:-

The American war of Independence led to the birth of the United states of America. However eighty five years later, America was faced with a civil war which threatened the unity and integration of the nation.

A civil war broke out in America in 1861, between the northern and the southern states. This civil war lasted for four years. The northern states emerged victorious.

The major cause of the civil war was on account of the controversial differences between the northern and southern states of America. They had different views with regards to their economy, transportation and communications, slavery, states right etc.

Slavery was a crucial point of distinction between the northern and southern states. Even though it existed in America long before the war of Independence was fought, the northern states abolished the institution of slavery after the war but slavery continued to grow and flourish in southern states.

Abraham Lincoln played a crucial role during the war. He was the President of the Union during the Civil war. He played a crucial role in unifying America and abolishing slavery. In 1862, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation which was a great way to put an end to slavery. After the war, slaves were granted Citizenship and voting rights.

When Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1861, the gulf between the north and the south widened. Eleven southern states seceded from the union and established a new nation called the Confederate states of America. This was not accepted by Abraham Lincoln and realised war was the only way to bring the seceded states back and reunite them again. So a civil war began in America in 1861.

The war came to an end on 9th April, 1865, when the Confederate general Robert Lee surrendered to the Union general, Ulysses Grant. Lincoln played a crucial role in unifying America and abolishing slavery.

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WORKSHEET

A. Fill in the blanks :

1. America, after _____, was divided into two halves.
2. The American civil war raged for _____ years.
3. The American civil war began on _____.
4. The American war of Independence led to the birth of the _____.
5. In _____, the southern states seceded from the union.

B. State whether the following statements are True or False:

1. President Abraham Lincoln played a crucial role during the war.
2. The war ended on 9th April, 1861.
3. Uncle Tom's cabin helped to create public opinion against slavery.
4. Lincoln founded the American anti slavery society.
5. After the war, slaves were granted Citizenship and voting rights.

C. Give the meanings of the following words:

1. Tariff-
2. Civil War-
3. Emancipate-
4. Apartheid -
5. Orator -

D. Answer the following questions:

1. Discuss any one cause that led to the American civil war.
2. What crucial role did Lincoln play during the war?
3. What was the controversy about 'state rights' ?
4. What cause led to the formation of the Confederate states of America?
5. Highlight a few differences between the Northern and Southern American states.

E. With reference to your text book, please do the following exercises:-

1. Exercise A-- (1 to 4)
2. Exercise B-- (1 to 4)
3. Exercise F-- (QNo- 1 and 2)