

Guided Reading Activity

War and the West, 1844–1890

Lesson 2 *The Civil War and Reconstruction*

Review Questions: Recording Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How statements

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

Main Idea A: The North and the South each had distinct advantages and disadvantages at the beginning of the Civil War.

1. **How** was the Civil War the first modern war?

2. **What** economic advantages did the North have over the South?

Main Idea B: With Union casualties rising, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

1. **What** strategies did the North and the South employ?

2. **Why** was the Battle of Antietam a crucial victory for the Union?

3. **What** was the Emancipation Proclamation?

Main Idea C: Key victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg helped the North defeat the South.

1. **How** did Grant capture Vicksburg?

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2. **Why** was Gettysburg a turning point in the war?

3. **Who** assassinated President Lincoln?

Main Idea D: In the months after the Civil War, the nation began the effort to rebuild and reunite.

1. **How** did the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments give African Americans more freedom?

2. **Why** were Congressional Republicans angry that Southern legislatures passed laws known as black codes?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did the Union war strategy take advantage of Southern weaknesses to achieve a victory?
