

Florida at War

Read how Florida took part in the Civil War.

SS.4.A.5.1 "Describe Florida's involvement (secession, blockades of ports, the battles of Ft. Pickens, Olustee, Ft. Brooke, Natural Bridge, food supply) in the Civil War."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline and number these seven Florida involvement details as they appear: 1 secession, 2 blockades of ports, 3 Fort Pickens, 4 Olustee, 5 Fort Brooke, 6 Natural Bridge, and 7 food supply. This will help you describe both fighting and other ways Florida was involved.

Florida's Civil War Role

- ① In 1861, Florida left the United States, an action called secession, and joined the Confederate States. Florida's long coast had important ports, so Union ships blocked many of them. A blockade stopped or slowed ships carrying goods in and out. The blockade made it harder for Florida to trade, receive supplies, and send products to help the Confederate cause.
- ② Fighting reached several Florida places. At Fort Pickens near Pensacola, Union and Confederate forces fought in 1861. Union troops kept control of the fort, which helped them watch the nearby coast. In 1864, the Battle of Olustee took place near Lake City. Confederate soldiers won there, stopping a Union effort to move farther into Florida's interior.
- ③ At Fort Brooke in Tampa, Union troops landed and fought Confederate defenders in 1863. In 1865, Confederate forces won the Battle of Natural Bridge near Tallahassee. That victory helped keep Union troops from reaching the state capital. Florida also supplied the Confederacy with cattle, salt, and other food, even as the blockade made moving supplies harder across Florida.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did secession mean for Florida? What did the Union blockade make harder for Florida?

2 Where was Fort Pickens, and which side kept control of it?

3 What happened at the Battle of Olustee, and how did the result affect the Union?

4 Describe Florida's involvement at Fort Brooke, Natural Bridge, and through its food supply.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 2-sentence museum caption, 35 to 55 words, explaining two ways Florida was involved in the Civil War. Include one military event and one political or supply event, and explain what happened in each.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did secession mean for Florida? What did the Union blockade make harder for Florida?	Florida left the United States and joined the Confederate States. The blockade made trade, receiving supplies, and sending products harder.
2	Where was Fort Pickens, and which side kept control of it?	Fort Pickens was near Pensacola. Union troops kept control of it.
3	What happened at the Battle of Olustee, and how did the result affect the Union?	Confederate soldiers won at Olustee. Their victory stopped a Union effort to move farther into Florida's interior.
4	Describe Florida's involvement at Fort Brooke, Natural Bridge, and through its food supply.	Union troops landed at Fort Brooke in Tampa and fought Confederate defenders in 1863. Confederate forces won at Natural Bridge in 1865, helping keep Union troops from Tallahassee. Florida supplied the Confederacy with cattle, salt, and other food.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Florida's Civil War story included fighting at Olustee, where Confederate soldiers stopped a Union move farther into the state. Florida also left the United States and sent cattle, salt, and other food to the Confederacy, showing that the state helped in both political and supply ways.

Accept equivalent descriptions that match the passage. For the museum caption, check for two accurate involvement examples, including one military event and one political or supply event, plus an explanation of each.