

Civil War Roles

Compare the leaders and generals who shaped the Civil War.

SS4H5.d "Describe the roles of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Jefferson Davis, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and William T. Sherman."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the first mention of each of the six people, then write P beside each president and G beside each general to compare their roles.

Leaders at War

- ① During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln led the United States, also called the Union. As president, he worked to keep the country together. He chose Union commanders and gave speeches that explained the Union cause. In 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared freedom for enslaved people in Confederate-held areas. Jefferson Davis served as president of the Confederate States. He led the government of the states that had left the Union.
- ② Robert E. Lee was the leading general of the Confederate army in Virginia. He commanded soldiers in major battles against Union forces. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was a Confederate general who served under Lee. Jackson became known for moving his troops quickly and fighting strongly in battles. Ulysses S. Grant was a Union general. Lincoln put Grant in charge of all Union armies in 1864 because Grant kept pressing Confederate forces.
- ③ William T. Sherman was a Union general who led soldiers through Georgia in 1864. His army destroyed railroads, supplies, and other resources used by Confederate armies. This campaign was meant to weaken the Confederacy's ability to fight. These six people had different jobs, but each affected the war. Lincoln and Davis led governments. Lee, Jackson, Grant, and Sherman directed armies and made military choices.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Abraham Lincoln's role differ from Jefferson Davis's role during the war?

2 What was Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's role in the Confederate army?

3 Why did Lincoln put Ulysses S. Grant in charge of all Union armies in 1864?

4 How did William T. Sherman's campaign in Georgia weaken the Confederacy?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose two people from the passage. Write four sentences that compare their roles, include one action or goal for each person, and explain one difference between their jobs.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the first mention of each of the six people, then write P beside each president and G beside each general to compare their roles. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Abraham Lincoln's role differ from Jefferson Davis's role during the war?	Lincoln was president of the Union and worked to keep the country together. Davis was president of the Confederate States and led its government.
2	What was Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's role in the Confederate army?	Jackson was a Confederate general who served under Robert E. Lee. He was known for moving troops quickly and fighting strongly.
3	Why did Lincoln put Ulysses S. Grant in charge of all Union armies in 1864?	Lincoln chose Grant because Grant kept pressing Confederate forces.
4	How did William T. Sherman's campaign in Georgia weaken the Confederacy?	Sherman's army destroyed railroads, supplies, and other resources used by Confederate armies.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Abraham Lincoln was the president of the Union, and Ulysses S. Grant was a Union general. Lincoln chose commanders and explained the Union cause in speeches. Grant led all Union armies and kept pressing Confederate forces. Lincoln led the government, while Grant directed soldiers in war.

Accept comparisons that correctly identify each person's side and role from the passage. The response should include two people, an action or goal for each, and a clear difference between their jobs.