

Union Supporters

Trace how slavery divided the nation and how New York aided the Union.

4.5c "The United States became divided over several issues, including slavery, resulting in the Civil War. New York State supported the Union and played an important role in this war."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentences that explain how slavery divided the United States, then circle three details that show how New York State supported the Union.

New York Helps the Union

- ① Before the Civil War, Americans argued deeply about slavery. Enslaved people were forced to work and denied freedom. Abolitionists wanted slavery to end. Many white Southern leaders wanted it to continue and spread into new territories. After Abraham Lincoln won the 1860 election, Southern states began leaving the United States to protect slavery. This break helped lead to war.
- ② When the Civil War began in 1861, New York State supported the Union, the group of states that fought to keep the United States together. About 400,000 New Yorkers served in the Union armed forces. They came from farms, towns, and cities. Their service gave the Union many soldiers for battles and other military duties during the long conflict.
- ③ New Yorkers also supported the Union away from battlefields. Factories made uniforms, boots, weapons, and other equipment. Farms sent food to help feed soldiers. Families and aid groups collected supplies and cared for wounded soldiers. By sending people, equipment, and food, New York State helped the Union during four hard years of fighting in America.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How did abolitionists and many white Southern leaders disagree about slavery?

2 How did disagreements about slavery affect the United States?

3 Which side did New York State support, and what was that side fighting to do?

4 Name two ways New York State supported the Union away from battlefields.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence newspaper notice from the Civil War. State which side New York supported and describe two different ways New Yorkers helped that side.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentences that explain how slavery divided the United States, then circle three details that show how New York State supported the Union. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did abolitionists and many white Southern leaders disagree about slavery?	Abolitionists wanted slavery to end. Many white Southern leaders wanted it to continue and spread into new territories.
2	How did disagreements about slavery affect the United States?	The conflict divided the country. Southern states began leaving the United States to protect slavery, helping lead to war.
3	Which side did New York State support, and what was that side fighting to do?	New York supported the Union, which fought to keep the United States together.
4	Name two ways New York State supported the Union away from battlefields.	Answers may include making uniforms, boots, weapons, or other equipment; sending food from farms; collecting supplies; and caring for wounded soldiers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

New York State stands with the Union, which is fighting to keep the United States together. New Yorkers are serving as soldiers in the Union armed forces. Our farms and factories are sending food and equipment to help the soldiers.

Accept accurate wording that shows slavery caused division and that New York supported the Union with soldiers, equipment, food, supplies, or care for wounded soldiers. For the open response, check for exactly three sentences, the Union, and two different accurate forms of support.