

# Choices and Courage

Trace causes, effects, and contributions during the Civil War.

**VS.7** "The students will apply history and social science skills to understand the key people, events, and issues of the Civil War and Virginia's role by explaining the role of John Brown and the impact of the raid at Harper's Ferry..."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline words or sentences that explain why something happened or what happened because of it. Circle the names of people who made a contribution.

### Virginia at War

- ① Before the Civil War, slavery was the main cause of conflict between North and South. Many southern leaders feared that limits on slavery would weaken their economy and power. In 1859, John Brown led a raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He hoped enslaved people would join him. The raid failed, but it increased fear and anger. Other disagreements included states' rights and political power.
- ② Virginia faced a hard choice after several southern states seceded. Some Virginians wanted to remain in the Union, while others supported secession. After Virginia left the Union in 1861, western counties rejected that decision. They formed the new state of West Virginia in 1863. Virginia became a major place of fighting. Important battles there included Manassas, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Appomattox Court House.
- ③ Before the war, the Underground Railroad helped enslaved people seek freedom. Harriet Tubman guided many people to safety. During the war, Indigenous people and free and formerly enslaved Black people served in many ways, including as soldiers. Virginians Elizabeth Van Lew and Mary Bowser gathered Union information. Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson led Confederate troops. Winfield Scott was a Union general. Black Union soldiers William Harvey Carney and Powhatan Beaty showed bravery in battle.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did John Brown hope would happen at Harpers Ferry, and what was one effect of his raid?

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2 Why was slavery the main cause of conflict? Name two other disagreements between the North and South.

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3 How did Virginia's secession lead to the creation of West Virginia?

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4 How did Elizabeth Van Lew and Mary Bowser help the Union? What did Carney and Beaty do?

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## 3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one person or event from the passage. Write three sentences that identify it, tell what the person did or what happened, and explain an effect on people or the war.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline words or sentences that explain why something happened or what happened because of it. Circle the names of people who made a contribution. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                              | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1 | What did John Brown hope would happen at Harpers Ferry, and what was one effect of his raid?          | <b>He hoped enslaved people would join him. The failed raid increased fear and anger.</b>                                                               |
| 2 | Why was slavery the main cause of conflict? Name two other disagreements between the North and South. | <b>Southern leaders feared limits on slavery would weaken their economy and power. Other disagreements included states' rights and political power.</b> |
| 3 | How did Virginia's secession lead to the creation of West Virginia?                                   | <b>After Virginia left the Union, western counties rejected secession and formed West Virginia in 1863.</b>                                             |
| 4 | How did Elizabeth Van Lew and Mary Bowser help the Union? What did Carney and Beaty do?               | <b>Van Lew and Bowser gathered Union information. Carney and Beaty were Black Union soldiers who showed bravery in battle.</b>                          |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Harriet Tubman worked with the Underground Railroad before the war. She guided many enslaved people to safety. Her work helped people seek freedom.

Accept equivalent cause-and-effect explanations that are supported by the passage. For the open response, accept any accurate person or event from the passage with a clear action or event and a related effect.