

What's the Story? *Foundations*

Unit 8: Civil War

Name: Date: Period:

Significant Events

1. Read each passage about a significant event during the Texas Revolution.
2. **What happened:** Highlight or circle **two** statements that are most significant to this event.
3. **Significance:** A helpful tip: determine the significance of each event **FIRST** to help you understand what's most important about each reading. Then choose the **two** events under "What Happened" that best support the significance. **NOTE:** BOTH statements may be true, but only one explains the significance of the event.

*First Significant
Event(s)*

The North, the South, Slavery, & Sectionalism

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
1861 - Abraham Lincoln elected President	<p>A) The North and the South fought over the issue of slavery in new western states.</p> <p>B) Slavery expanded into all new western states, deeply upsetting the North.</p> <p>C) A war between the North and the South broke out after Southern states seceded.</p>	<p>A) When the Confederacy surrendered, the Civil War was over, and the enslaved people were free.</p> <p>B) The Civil War ended when the Confederacy surrendered at the Battle of Palmito Ranch in Texas.</p>

**Second Significant
Event(s)**

Secession & the Confederate States of America

When:	What happened?	Significance:
Feb. 1, 1861 - Texas seceded from the U.S.	A) Texas was annexed to the Union in 1861. B) South Carolina seceded and then other states followed. C) Texas seceded and joined the Confederacy.	A) Many people in Texas supported slavery because they had migrated to Texas from other Northern states. B) Texas' close economic and social connections to the South led the state to vote to secede from the Union in 1861.

**Third Significant
Event(s)**

The Civil War Across the United States

When:	What happened?	Significance:
1861 - 1865 The Civil War	A) Most Texans fought in the Eastern Theatre in states like Virginia and Maryland. B) John Bell Hood's "Texas Brigade" fought in the Eastern Theater. C) The Battles of Sabine Pass and Galveston were some of the few that occurred in Texas.	A) 60,000 - 70,000 Texans fought in the war in places like Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia. B) Texas was far from most major battles, which allowed Texas to play a unique role in the war.

**Fourth Significant
Event(s)**

The Civil War in Texas

When:	What happened?	Significance:
1861 - 1865 The Civil War	A) Texans were able to defend their borders and coast from Union incursions. B) The Union successfully occupied much of Texas during the Civil war. C) Texas Confederates attacked groups of Texas Unionists during the war.	A) Battles increased in Texas during the Civil War, especially between Unionists and Confederates. B) Very few battles took place in Texas, and Texans were able to successfully defend against Union attempts to invade the state.

***Fifth Significant
Event(s)***

The Texas Homefront

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
1861 – 1865 The Civil War	A) Texas prisoners and enslaved people played a significant role in the war effort. B) Texas farms grew corn and cotton to supply the Confederacy. C) Thousands of Texans fled Texas to escape the destruction of the war.	A) Texas was able to provide financial support, supplies, and a safe haven to Confederates during the war. B) Texans were able to avoid the Union blockade by shipping their goods through Mexico.

***Sixth Significant
Event(s)***

The End of the Civil War

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
April 9, 1865 Confederacy surrenders May 12, 1865 The Battle of Palmito Ranch June 19, 1865 Juneteenth	A) The primary Confederate Army under General Robert E. Lee surrendered. B) The Union arrived in Texas to announce and enforce the end of the war and the freedom of the slaves. C) The Battle of Palmito Ranch was the opening battle of the Civil War.	A) When the Confederacy surrendered, the Civil War was over, and the enslaved people were free. B) The Civil War ended when the Confederacy surrendered at the Battle of Palmito Ranch in Texas.