

What's the Story? *Grade Level*

Unit 8: Civil War

Name: Date: Period:

Significant Events

1. Read each passage about a significant topic during the Civil War era.
2. Complete your chart by placing each event in the correct order based on the order of the readings.
3. Write the title of the event and the date it occurred. **NOTE:** Some events may be **ongoing**. Some readings may have more than one event. Record all significant dates.
4. Write quick notes summarizing the most significant events that happened in each reading. Your notes should be 2 – 4 bulleted items in a list.
5. Choose the statement that best explains the significance of the event or events in the reading. **NOTE:** both statements may be TRUE, but only one explains the significance. **Helpful Tip:** Determine the significance first, then identify the events that support or demonstrate the significance.

*First Significant
Event(s)*

The North, the South, Slavery, & Sectionalism

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		A) Increasing sectional divisions between the North and the South over slavery led to the American Civil War. B) The economies of the North and the South developed differently due to regional differences related to geography and climate.

**Second Significant
Event(s)**

Secession & the Confederate States of America

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>A) Many people in Texas supported slavery because they had migrated to Texas from other Northern states.</p> <p>B) Texas' close economic and social connections to the South led the state to vote to secede from the Union in 1861.</p>

**Third Significant
Event(s)**

The Civil War Across the United States

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>A) 60,000 – 70,000 Texans fought in the war in places like Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia.</p> <p>B) Texas was far from most major battles, which allowed Texas to play a unique role in the war.</p>

**Fourth Significant
Event(s)**

The Civil War in Texas

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>A) Battles increased in Texas during the Civil War, especially between Unionists and Confederates.</p> <p>B) Very few battles took place in Texas, and Texans were able to successfully defend against Union attempts to invade the state.</p>

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

The Texas Homefront

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>A) Texas was able to provide financial support, supplies, and a safe haven to Confederates during the war.</p> <p>B) Texans were able to avoid the Union blockade by shipping their goods through Mexico.</p>

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

The End of the Civil War

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<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>