

Market House Museum's War Between the States Quiz

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1. The word Secession means to pull away from something, or to disengage one's support for a Cause. The Southern states seceded from the United States, but not all at once; they seceded at their own choosing, and often on different dates. What was the first state to secede from the Union? A) South Carolina B) Virginia C) Mississippi.



2. Two men were Presidents, one for the Northern States (also called the Union) and the other for the Southern States (also called the Confederate States of America.) What post did Confederate President Jefferson Davis hold before the war, in the Union government? A) Secretary of War B) Vice President C) Speaker of the House.



3. In the early morning hours of April 12, 1861, Federal soldiers fired upon Fort Sumter in Charleston's harbor. Kentucky Union Major Robert Anderson was the fort's defender, even though he had to lower the flag after a 34 hour bombardment. What did Anderson get to do when the war was over? A) raise the Union flag over the fort once again B) write his memoirs telling his story C) retire as a 4-star General.



4. England needed the cotton that the Southern states produced for its cotton manufacturing. At one time it was thought that England would have supported the South to get the cotton it needed. Did Confederate representatives go to England to plead for support? A) Yes B) No



5. In Kentucky, during the course of the Civil War, if a slave could get to Camp Nelson and sign up for Federal service as a soldier, not only he, but his whole family would become immediately a free person. It was a great incentive to gain black soldiers for the Union Cause. Is this true or false? A) True B) False.



6. A talented photographer named Matthew Brady took candid photos of the War. What was his physical debility? A) He was almost blind B) He was deaf C) he was destitute and homeless, suffering with severe arthritis.



7. After General McClellan refused to budge from Washington, and having incurred President Lincoln's dissatisfaction, a new officer arose in prominence. Lincoln said, "I like this man, he fights!" Who was the officer that Lincoln admired? A) U.S. Grant B) Ambrose Burnside C) A. P. Hill.



8. Lincoln's wife was beset by many tragic deaths, and was to be pitied. Her mother when she was a small child, her son Eddie when he was very young, her son Willie when in the White House, and then Lincoln, her husband, was assassinated on April 12, 1865 while she sat holding his hand in Ford's Theatre. She had become unbalanced in her mind over the years with all her bereavements, and developed a particular mania from the time she entered the White House, which she hid from Lincoln. What was it? A) She developed a purchasing mania and ran up huge debts she could not begin to pay B) She became a gambler C) She avidly communicated with Southerners wanting to sell their wares behind her husband's back.



9. Confederate President Jefferson and Howell Varina Davis had a terrible tragedy to befall their family during the "Great Unpleasantness" as the war was sometimes called. It happened one day when Varina had taken a tempting basket lunch to her husband, who was at the office. He had not been eating as he should. What was the tragedy? A) Their son fell from a railing to his death B) A daughter was burned to death C) Their home was hit by lightning and burned to the ground, with all their possessions inside.



10. Wilber McLean owned a farm. The first battle of the Civil War occurred on his property. After it was over, he moved his family farther South to avoid another similar experience. What happened on his new acreage at Appomattox on April 9, 1865? A) The surrender of the Confederate army to Grant by Lee B) The last battle of the Civil War took place and caused 50,000 deaths C) Lincoln came to visit his farm.



11. What was the Union speech called that started with the words, "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation?" A) The Richmond Rally B) The Gettysburg Address C) The Appomattox Appeal.

Answers: 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A, 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-A, 9-A, 10-A, 11-B