



**North vs. South**  
 21 states vs. 11 states

**Civil War Battles**  
 Many thought the war would be over in a few months, but the American Civil War lasted 4 long years.

There were more than 50 major battles and 5000 minor battles during the American Civil War. These battles resulted in 360,000 Union, 260,000 Confederate, and 600,000 civilian casualties.





**Underground Railroad**

Those in the North supported the Underground Railroad which was a secret route that began in the South and helped the slaves travel to the North in search of a better life. If they were caught they would be badly beaten or worse, but many felt it was worth the risk for freedom.

Guides, called conductors, risked their lives to help slaves get North. Quakers were among the first abolitionists who said all people should be treated equally. They encouraged others to hide slaves and offer them food & shelter on their 1000 mile journey. Through rivers, swamps, mountains, and forests.

Slaves used the North Star to guide them, so most traveled at night. Between 1850-1860 more than 2,000 slaves were able to escape using the Underground Railroad.



Most worked as laborers since the farmers needed lots of help harvesting crops like cotton, tobacco, and sugar. Slaves were forced to work without pay their entire life and denied basic freedoms and could be sold whenever their master wanted.

To make matters worse, many slaves were treated harshly. Many were given little food, forced to work long hours, given measly living quarters, taken away from their families, and beaten.




**Confederate Soldier**

Confederate soldiers fought for the South and wore grey wool uniforms with shiny gold buttons that had a special belt to hold their weapons. Life was tough as they marched all day, lived on the battlefield, performed drills, had to obey all orders and only ate salted pork, dried hard bread, beans, rice, and coffee each day. Rebels (as they were called) were allowed to join at 16 years of age and made about \$10 a month serving for the military. Like the Yankees, the Rebels carried a knapsack with their personal belongings including a canteen, mallet, and a blanket.

