

Graphing Civil War Data

Directions: Fill out and examine the graphs and then answer the questions below.

1. How many more people lived in Union States than in Confederate states?
2. About how many times more square miles of land did Union states have compared to Confederate states?
3. How many more troops did Union states have than the Confederate states?
4. Which side—the Union or the Confederacy—had greater manufacturing and iron production?
5. About how many times more railroad tracks did the North have than the South?
6. Which side—the Union or the Confederacy—had greater financial resources?
7. Who had more war casualties, the North or the South? How many more did they have?
8. What was the approximate total number of people killed at the battles of Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, and Antietam?
9. Looking at the graphs on population and troops, why do you think Union states were able to raise a much larger army than the Confederacy?
10. The Union had far greater industrial production than the Confederacy. In what ways do you think this helped the Union?
11. The Union had about 13,000 more miles of railroad than the Confederacy. In what ways do you think this helped the Union?
12. The Union had far greater financial resources than the Confederacy. In what ways do you think this helped the Union?
13. List at least two way in which the Union's large population gave it an advantage in the Civil War.
14. Looking at the graph on war casualties, you see that approximately 600,000 people died in the Civil War. Yet more than half of those deaths did not occur on the battlefields. What do you think caused the majority of the soldiers' deaths?
15. The North won the Civil War, even though it lost over 100,000 more soldiers than the South. What do you think explains this?