

An illustration depicting two soldiers from the American Civil War. The soldier on the left is wearing a blue uniform and a kepi, holding a rifle. The soldier on the right is wearing a grey uniform and a kepi, also holding a rifle. They are facing each other in a tense or conversational manner. In the background, the Union Jack flag is on the left and the Confederate battle flag is on the right. The scene is set against a light blue sky.

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Introduction Notes

A Civil War

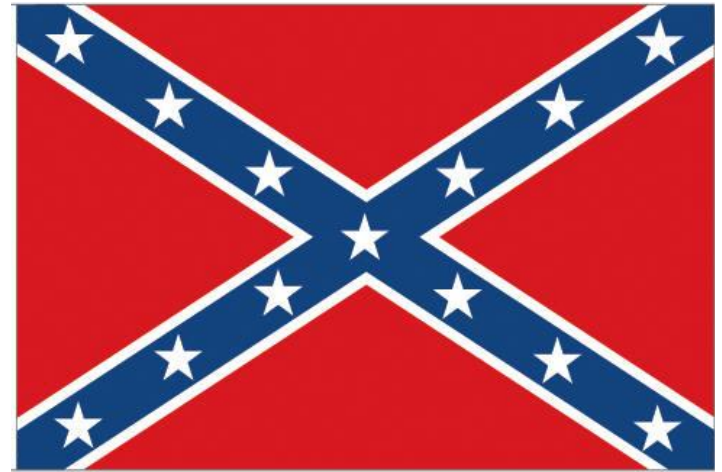
War *within a country*
between *people of that*
country

The American Civil War

- 1861-1865
- Deadliest war in American history

Why & Who

- 11 States tried to break away from the rest of the United States and start their own country
 - Confederate States of America
 - “the Confederacy”
 - All Southern States
 - All States in which slavery was allowed



Why & Who

- Other **24 States** fought to keep them in the country
 - “**the Union**”
 - Mostly **Northern States**
 - Mostly States in which **slavery was illegal**
 - **4 States** in which slavery was allowed
 - “**Border States**”
 - Part of Virginia broke off from the rest of Virginia and became **West Virginia**

