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Section 1

GEOGRAPHY APPLICATION: REGION

Resources of the North and the South

Directions: Read the paragraphs below and study the pie graphs carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.

Wars are often waged behind the lines as much as on the battlefields. A nation's or a region's ability to produce materials can make a difference in winning or losing a war. The overall strength of warring factions be judged by including their resources, which include everything from the miles of railroad they have to the sizes of their populations. The latter was especially important during the era of the Civil War, when the North had 70 percent of the population of the United States—a great advantage.

Judgments about the resources of opposing forces can also be made by looking at their productivity—the level at which they make all types of goods, ranging from shoes and locomotives to artillery and food.

The pie graphs below show the share of certain resources and levels of productivity the North and South had at the outbreak of war.

