



# Fourth Grade Social Studies

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Activity 2**

\*There will be a short video lesson of a Knox County teacher to accompany this task available on the KCS YouTube Channel and KCS TV.

**Topic:** Civil War Leaders

**Standards:**

4.32 Describe the roles of major leaders during the Civil War, including: Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, and President Abraham Lincoln.

**Goal:** To understand the roles of Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War.

**Tasks for Students to Complete:**

- Watch the video that accompanies this lesson.
- Read the "Civil War Leaders" text attached to this lesson and complete the Quick Review.
- Complete the Memory Match Game where you try to match the faces of the major leaders to important facts about them. Directions: Cut out the pieces of the Civil War Leaders matching game. Shuffle and place them upside down in an array. Flip two over at a time. One must be a face card and one must be a fact card. If the face and fact go together, you get those cards. If not, flip them back over and go again! You can play independently or with

**Text to Read:**

Excerpt from Gallopade included

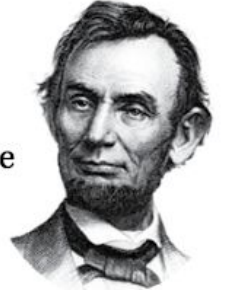
**Additional Links for More Information:**

- BrainPOP "Abraham Lincoln"  
<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/famoushistoricalfigures/abrahamlincoln/>
- BrainPOP "Civil War"  
<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/ushistory/civilwar/>

## Civil War Leaders

### President Abraham Lincoln

**Abraham Lincoln** had just become president of the United States when the Civil War began. President Lincoln believed the United States was one nation, not a collection of independent states. He did not believe that a state had the right to secede. As president, Lincoln was determined to preserve the Union—by force if necessary! Lincoln directed the Union army to force the states that seceded back into the United States.



### Jefferson Davis

Most Southerners believed that the states had freely created and joined the Union and could freely leave it. The first seven states to secede from the U.S. appointed **Jefferson Davis** president of the Confederate States of America. As president of the Confederacy, he tried to negotiate peace with Abraham Lincoln, but Lincoln refused to meet. Jefferson Davis remained president of Confederacy until the end of the war, which would last for four long years.

### Robert E. Lee

**Robert E. Lee** was offered the command of the Union forces at the beginning of the Civil War. Lee opposed secession but did not believe the Union should be held together by force. Lee chose NOT to fight against his home state of Virginia. Instead, he became a Confederate general and led the Army of Northern Virginia. Lee was a skilled general, and the Army of Northern Virginia became one of the most successful Confederate armies in the Civil War.



### Ulysses S. Grant

Union General **Ulysses S. Grant** led the Union armies during the late years of the Civil War. Many historians say that he was the most capable of all the Union generals. He was a master of military **strategy**. President Lincoln said of Grant, “I can’t spare this man—he fights.”



### Vocabulary

**strategy:** the art of planning the best way to gain an advantage or achieve success, especially in war

**civil war:** a war between citizens of the same country



**Quick Review**



Write the initials of the Civil War leader described in each statement.

- \_\_\_ 1. He was president of the Confederacy.
- \_\_\_ 2. He led the Army of Northern Virginia.
- \_\_\_ 3. He was president of United States.
- \_\_\_ 4. He led the Union armies.
- \_\_\_ 5. He was offered command of the Union army but he refused.
- \_\_\_ 6. He ordered an attack on Fort Sumter.
- \_\_\_ 7. He called for an army to preserve the Union.

**Civil War Leaders**

**(AL)** Abraham Lincoln

**(JD)** Jefferson Davis

**(RL)** Robert E. Lee

**(UG)** Ulysses S. Grant









**Memory Matching Game**

Goal: Try to match the faces of major leaders to important facts about them!

Directions: Cut out the cards for the Civil War Leaders matching game. Shuffle and place them upside down in an array. Flip two over at a time. One must be a face and one must be a fact. If the face and fact go together, you get those cards. If not, flip them back over and go again! You can play independently or with others.

**CARDS ON FOLLOWING PAGE**

*Cut out cards before beginning play*

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<p><b>President of the United States during the Civil War</b></p>	<p><b>President of the Confederacy during the Civil War</b></p>	<p><b>Confederate General and Leader of the Army of Northern Virginia</b></p>	<p><b>Union General who led the Union Armies during late years of the Civil War</b></p>
<p><b>He did not believe that a state had the right to secede and was determined to preserve the Union.</b></p>	<p><b>He believed that the states had been freely created and joined and could freely leave the Union.</b></p>	<p><b>He opposed secession but did not believe the Union should be held together by force.</b></p>	<p><b>He was a master of military strategy and is said to be one of the most capable of all Union generals.</b></p>