



Guided Reading Activity

The Civil War

Section

The War's Final Stages

Reading Tip

If you come across a complicated paragraph, try reading it aloud. Read carefully and clearly, and pause to separate complete thoughts. Reread it if necessary.

Outlining DIRECTIONS: Read the section and complete the outline below to learn more about the final stages of the war.

I. Total War Strikes the South

- A. The systematic destruction of an entire land is called _____.
- B. General _____ devised a plan to attack the South on all sides.
- C. The six bloodiest weeks of the war began in an area called the _____.
- D. William Tecumseh Sherman took _____, and _____ successfully invaded Mobile Bay.
- E. Lincoln won reelection, and in 1865 Congress passed the _____, which banned slavery in the United States.

II. The War's End

- A. Sherman's troops burned _____ and _____ as they marched from Georgia to the Atlantic Coast.
- B. After Lee's retreat from Petersburg, the Union army marched toward _____ and captured the Confederate capital of _____.
- C. The war came to an end on April 9, 1865, with Lee's surrender at _____.
- D. More than _____ soldiers died during the Civil War.