Guided Reading Activity
The Civil War

The Two Sides

Reading Tip
Always find the main idea of the passage you are reading. Look for a specific idea and write it down. Do details in the passage support what you think is the main idea?

Filling in the Blanks
DIRECTIONS: Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box.

Mississippi River
Farmers
Confederacy
defensive war
Yankees

North
border states
blockade
deserted
African Americans

Rebels
Union
Rebels

camps
South

Slavery was legal in the (1) ______ of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri, but they had few enslaved people. Abraham Lincoln worked to keep them in the (2) ______, although many residents supported the (3) ______. The goal of the (4) ______ in the Civil War was to establish itself as an independent nation; the (5) ______ wanted to restore the Union. The South’s basic strategy was to conduct a (6) ______. The North planned to (7) ______. Southern ports, gain control of the (8) ______, and capture the Confederate capital.

Many (9) ______ served in the military, but (10) ______ were not permitted to fight in the early days of the war. Most of the soldiers came from (11) ______. Confederate soldiers were called (12) ______; Union soldiers were known as (13) ______. They lived in (14) ______ and between battles often experienced boredom. Medical facilities were overwhelmed by the casualties, and many men (15) ______ due to fear, hunger, or sickness.