Guided Reading Activity

The Civil War

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.