

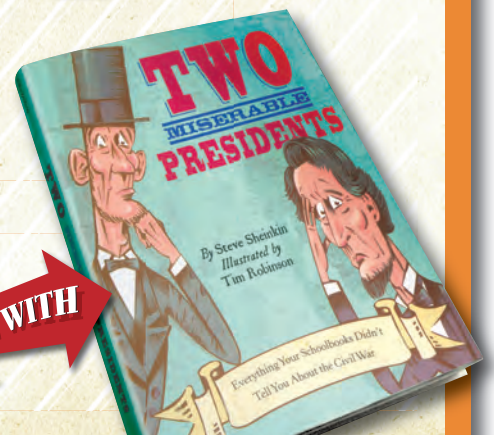
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CIVIL WAR

# ACTIVITY GUIDE



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**ABRAHAM  
LINCOLN**



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Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't  
Tell You About the Civil War

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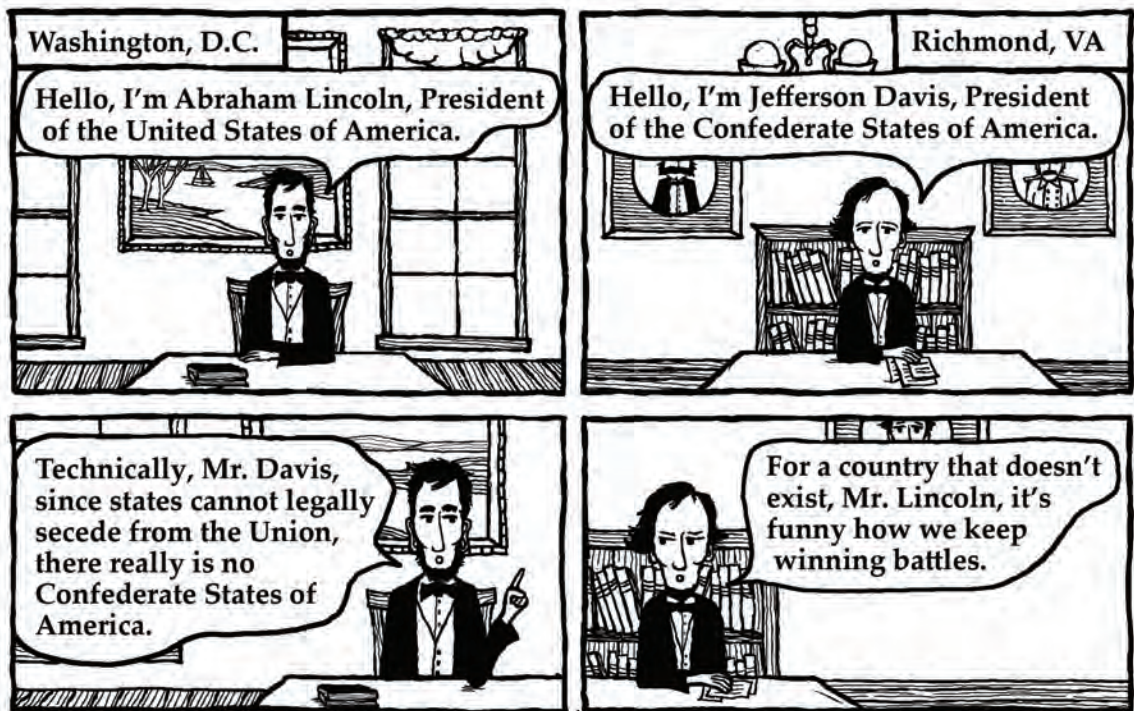
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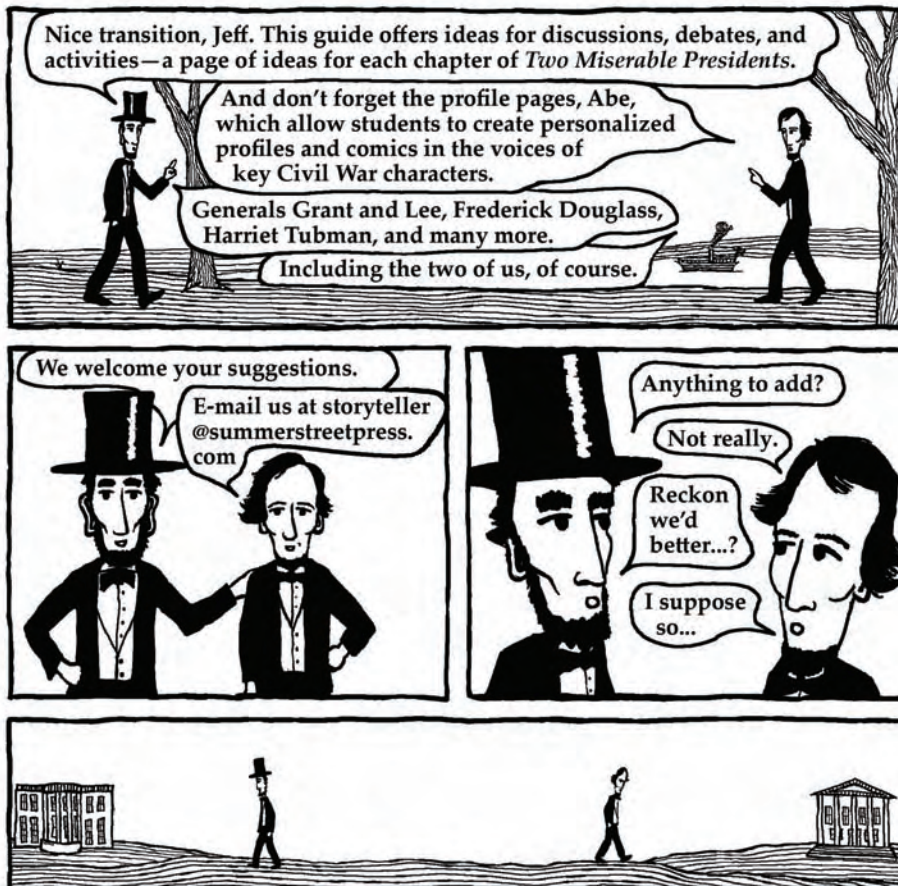
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# A Word from Abe and Jeff





# How to Rip a Country Apart

In this chapter...

- ★ The North and South start arguing over this question: Should slavery be allowed in new states carved from western territories?
- ★ Escaped slaves Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman help lead the anti-slavery battle (and drive white Southerners crazy).
- ★ Violence in Kansas and on the floor of Congress adds fuel to the North-South fire.

## RACING TOWARD TROUBLE

The North and South sped toward war in this first chapter.

- Put these trouble-making events in order. Write in **1** for the event that happened first, **2** for the next one, and, well, you get the idea.
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|--|--|
| ___ Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> . | ___ Pro slavery and free soil settlers set up rival governments in Kansas. |
| ___ Frederick Douglass escapes from slavery.                   | ___ Preston Brooks attacks Charles Sumner with a cane.                     |
| ___ Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Act.                    | ___ Congress passes the Missouri Compromise.                               |

## AND SPEAKING OF TROUBLE...

This chapter talks about thirteen major steps toward war.

- Which of these events do you think was the single most important—that is, which one played the biggest part in splitting the United States?
- Why?



## TIME TO VOTE

You and your friends are members of the U.S. Senate and you're about to vote on the Compromise of 1850. Reread the section on the Compromise on pages 11 to 13.

- Hold a quick discussion, then vote one at a time.
- Keep track of the votes in the table below.

COMPROMISE OF 1850		
	TALLY MARKS	TOTAL
VOTES FOR:		
VOTES AGAINST:		



### Meet FREDERICK DOUGLASS

He always has something interesting to say. Help him do it on his **PERSONAL PROFILE** on page 25.

WHO SAID IT?

"I WAS FREE, BUT THERE WAS NO ONE TO WELCOME ME TO THE LAND OF FREEDOM."



# John Brown Lights the Fuse

In this chapter...

- ★ Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debate the spread of slavery and future of the country.
- ★ John Brown's bloody raid on Harpers Ferry shoves the North and South toward war.
- ★ Lincoln runs for president in 1860—though some Southerners vow they'll leave the Union if he wins.

## WHICH ONE SAID WHAT?

Here's a list of things said by either Abraham Lincoln or Stephen Douglas in this chapter.

- Write an "L" in front of Lincoln's lines and a "D" in front of Douglas'.
  1. \_\_\_ "Let each state mind its own business and let its neighbors alone!"
  2. \_\_\_ "I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."
  3. \_\_\_ "You have nominated a very able and a very honest man. I shall have my hands full!"
  4. \_\_\_ "If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong."
  5. \_\_\_ "I now sink out of view, and shall be forgotten."
- Now use the library or Internet to find one more Lincoln or Douglas line (and tell us who said it!)

## CHATTING WITH JOHN BROWN

Take another look at the conversation between John Brown and Senator James Mason on page 33.

- Working with a partner, continue the interview by writing four or five more questions and answers.
- Perform and record your interview, and present it as a podcast.

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## LINCOLN FOR PREZ

Okay, so car bumpers didn't exactly exist in 1860. But let's suppose they did. You're in charge of designing a bumper sticker supporting Abe Lincoln's campaign for president.

- Use this space to sketch your sticker:



What makes a person behave like

**JOHN BROWN?**

Find out by helping him with his **PERSONAL PROFILE** on page 27.



**WHO SAID IT?**

"WE SHALL, IN LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS, BE IN A CIVIL WAR."



# Abe Lincoln's Troublesome Victory

In this chapter...

- ★ Abraham Lincoln is elected president entirely on the votes from the North and West.
- ★ Six Southern states say "we're outa here," and chose Jefferson Davis as president of the Confederacy.
- ★ The Civil War starts at Fort Sumter—both sides think it'll be quick and pretty painless.

## HOW LINCOLN DID IT

- Using the election results map on page 42 as a guide, fill in this chart by listing the states won by each presidential candidate in 1860. You may want to find another U.S. map to use as reference. (And make life easy on yourself, use the two-letter state abbreviations.)

CANDIDATE	STATES WON
LINCOLN	
DOUGLAS	
BRECKINRIDGE	
BELL	

## BREAKING NEWS FROM VIRGINIA

Huge news: Robert E. Lee just decided which side he's going to fight for in the Civil War. Now it's your job to break the story to the nation.

- Reread pages 54 and 55.
- Write a headline for your news story.
- Then write your first paragraph, including the main idea of the story and a quote from Lee.

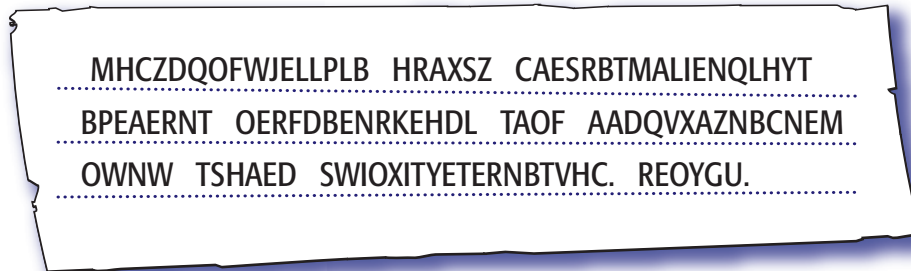
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## CODE-BREAKER NEEDED

You've just intercepted a coded message from the spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow. It looks like a total mess, but luckily the code is pretty simple.

- Write down the first letter of the coded message, then skip the second letter, write down the third letter, skip the fourth, write the fifth, skip the sixth, and so on.

### CODED MESSAGE:



### WRITE THE DECODED MESSAGE HERE:

M \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_



### Meet JEFFERSON DAVIS

He didn't feel like being president of the Confederacy. And he doesn't feel like filling out a **PERSONAL PROFILE** either.

Give the guy some help on page 29.



"I AM THE LAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!"



# This is Going to Be Serious

In this chapter...

- ★ Southern soldiers win some early battles, mostly by being slightly less incompetent than Northern forces.
- ★ George McClellan takes command in the North; moments later he and Lincoln begin to annoy each other.
- ★ The bloody Battle of Shiloh proves that this war is going to be way longer and deadlier than anyone had expected.



Look back at the description of Berrian Zettler's frightening night on page 61. Now imagine you're a Civil War soldier about to face your first battle—only, for some reason, you have a laptop and wireless Internet.

- Write a blog entry describing how you're feeling and what you're expecting tomorrow.

## DEALING WITH LITTLE MAC

As a close advisor to President Lincoln, you're really irritated by the behavior of general George McClellan (see pages 66–67 to be reminded why).

- Write a quick note to Lincoln telling him what you've heard and offering advice on how he should react.

The most insulting thing McClellan has said about you: .....

How I think you should respond: .....



SHOULD I FIRE THAT GUY OR WHAT?

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## SHILOH CHANGES EVERYTHING

Which of the following were results of the Battle of Shiloh?

- Put a check mark in the boxes next to the effects of Shiloh.
- Put two check marks in the box next to the effect you think was the most important.

100,000 soldiers fought in their first major battle.

The North and South began building iron ships.

George McClellan took command of the Union army.

Union soldiers won a costly victory.

More than 23,000 soldiers were killed or wounded.

Thomas Jackson earned the name "Stonewall."

Americans realized the war was going to be long and bloody.

Ulysses S. Grant won his first battle.



### Meet ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Since he is a bit busy trying to save the Union, give him a little help with his

#### PERSONAL PROFILE

on page 31.

WHO SAID IT?

"NO TERMS EXCEPT UNCONDITIONAL AND IMMEDIATE SURRENDER CAN BE ACCEPTED."



# Two Miserable Presidents

In this chapter...

- ★ Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson turn back the Union drive to Richmond.
- ★ Feeling confident and looking for a knockout, Lee invades the North and loses a big fight at Antietam.
- ★ Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation emancipates no one—but from now on the North is fighting to save the Union and end slavery.

## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis faced a steady stream of news—some good and some bad.

- Based on the events in this chapter, write two examples of news that Lincoln would have considered good, and two examples of news he would have considered bad.
- Do the same for Davis.



	LINCOLN	DAVIS
GOOD NEWS		
BAD NEWS		
GOOD NEWS		
BAD NEWS		

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## MAPPING THE MARCH TO ANTIETAM

Complete this map, using the map on page 100 as a guide.

- Add labels for key events, places, rivers, all that stuff.
- Feel free to add your own illustrations too.



### Meet BELLE BOYD

Spies don't like to share personal information. Give her some help with her **PERSONAL PROFILE** on page 33.



"IN THE MATTER OF RIGHTS, THERE IS BUT ONE RACE, AND THAT IS THE HUMAN RACE."



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# Johnny Reb vs. Billy Yank

In this chapter...

- ★ Lincoln keeps changing generals—and the generals keep leading Union forces to disastrous defeats.
- ★ Lack of food, filthy camps, and deadly disease make life miserable for soldiers, North and South.
- ★ Union and Confederate armies march toward a showdown in Pennsylvania in the summer of 1863.

## TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

Put yourself in the position of the soldiers described on pages 112–113. Imagine your sailboat's ready to carry a note across the river to soldiers on the other side.

- Write a one-page letter to the enemy soldiers. What will you tell them? What will you ask for?

## "CRUMMY CONDITION COUNTDOWN!"

As you read in this chapter, army life during the Civil War could be pretty awful.

- Make your own list of the five worst things about being a soldier in the Civil War (1 being the very worst):

5. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
1. \_\_\_\_\_

## CIVIL WAR SLANG

If you want to talk like Johnny Reb or Billy Yank, you've got to know the lingo.

- Try to match the Civil War slang on the left with each term's meaning on the right. We did one for you as an example. (You're welcome.)

TERM	MEANING
A. bones	___ brand new soldiers
B. dog robber	___ the best, #1
C. fresh fish	___ dice
D. hornets	___ soldiers' sewing kit
E. housewife	<u>I</u> clothing
F. sawbones	___ bullets
G. sheet iron crackers	___ army surgeon
H. top rail	___ army cook
I. duds	___ hardtack

THIS STUFF'S NOT IN THE CHAPTER, BUT MAKE YOUR BEST GUESS.



### Meet ROBERT SMALLS

He is still adjusting to his sudden fame. Help him fill out his **PERSONAL PROFILE** on page 35.



"IF ANYBODY THINKS THAT A BATTLE IS AN ORDERLY ATTACK OF ROWS OF MEN, I CAN TELL THEM DIFFERENTLY, FOR I HAVE BEEN THERE."



# The Second-Biggest Fourth of July

In this chapter...

- ★ The massive three-day battle of Gettysburg ends with Lee's army limping back to Virginia.
- ★ African American soldiers finally get their chance to fight for the Union—and prove their doubters wrong.
- ★ Ulysses S. Grant surrounds and captures Vicksburg, giving Union forces control of the Mississippi River.

## SINGING AND MARCHING

Soldiers often sang as they marched. You read about one of the famous Union songs on page 128.

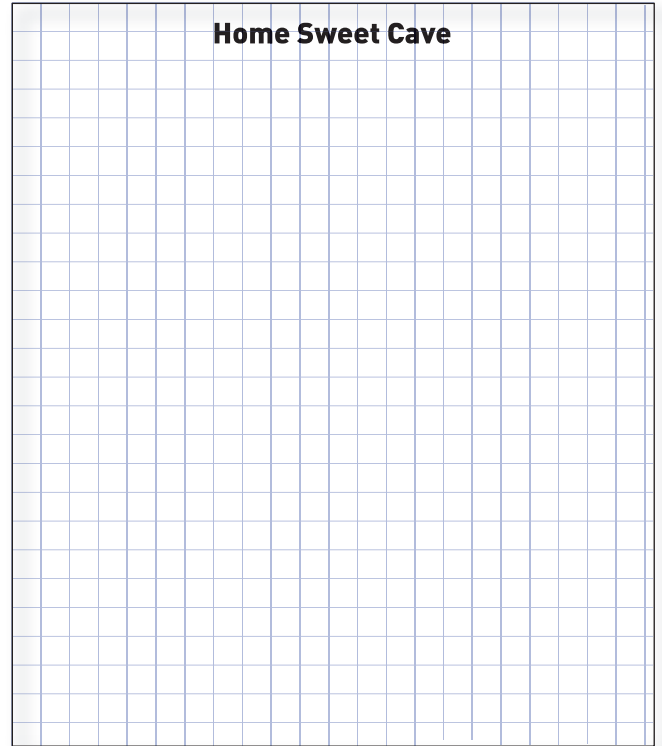
- Find a Civil War song on the Internet or in the library. Make a recording of the song and play it aloud. Or, if you dare, sing it aloud while you march around the room!

## UNDERGROUND ARCHITECT

You read about life in the caves under Vicksburg on pages 143–144. Now try living in one. Your job is to design an underground home for your family.

- Draw a detailed floor plan of your cave, labeling the different rooms and the location of furniture.

Home Sweet Cave

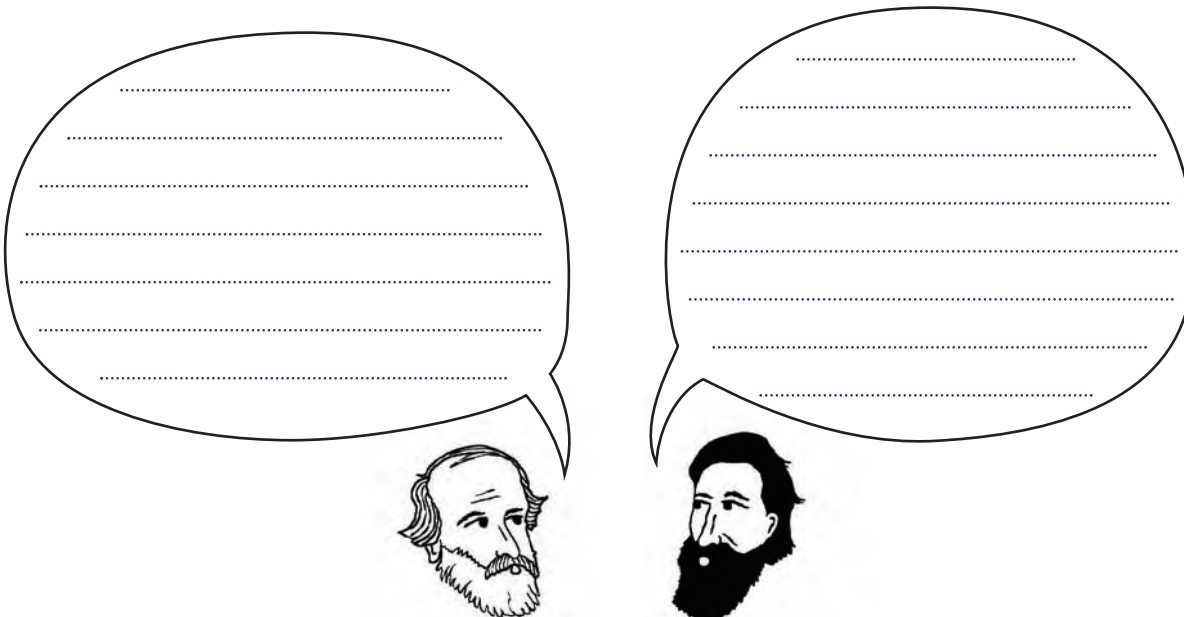


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## GETTYSBURG FACE-OFF

As you read in this chapter, Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and James Longstreet had a fierce disagreement over strategy at Gettysburg.

- Summarize each general's main argument in the cartoon below.



## ROBERT E. LEE

thinks it's ungentlemanly to talk about himself. Give him some help with his

### PERSONAL PROFILE

on page 37

WHO SAID IT?

"I AM GOING TO WHIP THEM OR THEY ARE GOING TO WHIP ME."



# Can Anyone Win This War?

In this chapter...

- ★ Sick of drafts, food shortages, and war, citizens riot in both Northern and Southern cities.
- ★ Lincoln gives a pretty good speech in Pennsylvania—it's called the Gettysburg Address.
- ★ Grant takes command of the Union army, and sets out to hammer his way to victory.

## MIXING MATH AND POLITICS

- Look back at the math questions from the Confederate textbook on page 151. Now suppose you're a math textbook writer in 1863 (North or South, your choice).
- Write your own math question in the style of the questions on page 151.

## WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT?

Reread Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on page 163 (you may want to look up a few of the old-fashioned words).

- What's your favorite sentence in the speech? Why?
- Read the sentence aloud, then explain what Lincoln was saying in your own words.



MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY.

## BEST IN THE BUSINESS

Let's face it, you're a great writer, the best your newspaper has. So your boss has given you a choice—you can interview any person from the Civil War.

- Who do you choose?
- What are the first five questions you'll ask?

I pick: .....

My first five questions: .....

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There's still an arrest warrant out for **HARRIET TUBMAN** in the South. Do you dare help her with her **PERSONAL PROFILE** on page 39?

**WHO SAID IT?** "THE OLD FLAG NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND."



# The Bloody Road to Richmond

In this chapter...

- ★ In spite of losing battle after battle, Grant's army continues its gory drive to Richmond.
- ★ With Union victory on the horizon, the Thirteenth Amendment bans slavery in the United States.
- ★ Just five days after Lee's army surrenders, Abraham Lincoln is assassinated in Washington, D.C.

## HISTORY ALL AROUND

Did you know the National Parks Service has more than 70 parks where you can visit Civil War historical sites?

- Check out the list online at: <http://cwar.nps.gov/civilwar/cwparks.htm>
- Decide which of these parks you'd most like to see.
- Show a photo of the park to your friends and explain why you think this place is worth visiting.
- Design a roadside sign to attract travelers to the park. Use the space below.



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## SHERMAN JUSTIFIED?

Reread the section on Sherman's war strategy on pages 191–193. Sherman's ideas were controversial back then—they still are today. What do you think?

- Write a quick summary of your own opinion of Sherman's strategy.
- Then debate the question with someone who disagrees with you.

## AND THE WINNER IS ...

Now you've read the whole book—you did read it, right? If not, we're about to give away the ending: the Union won.

- What do you think are the top three reasons the Union was able to win the war?

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2. ....
3. ....



### Meet ULYSSES S. GRANT

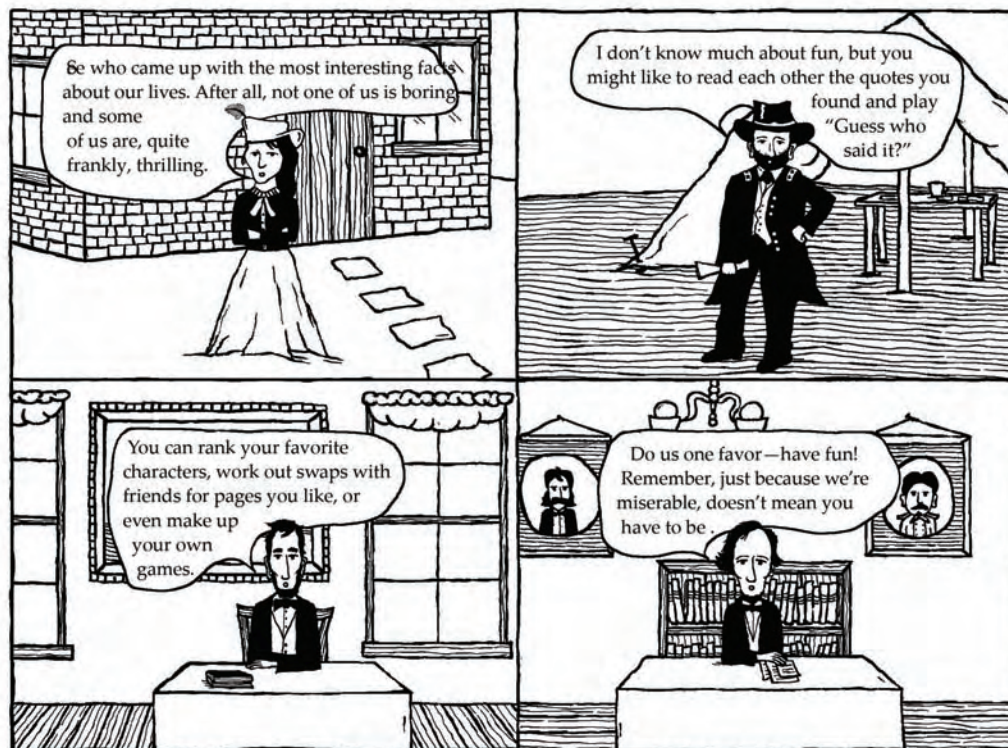
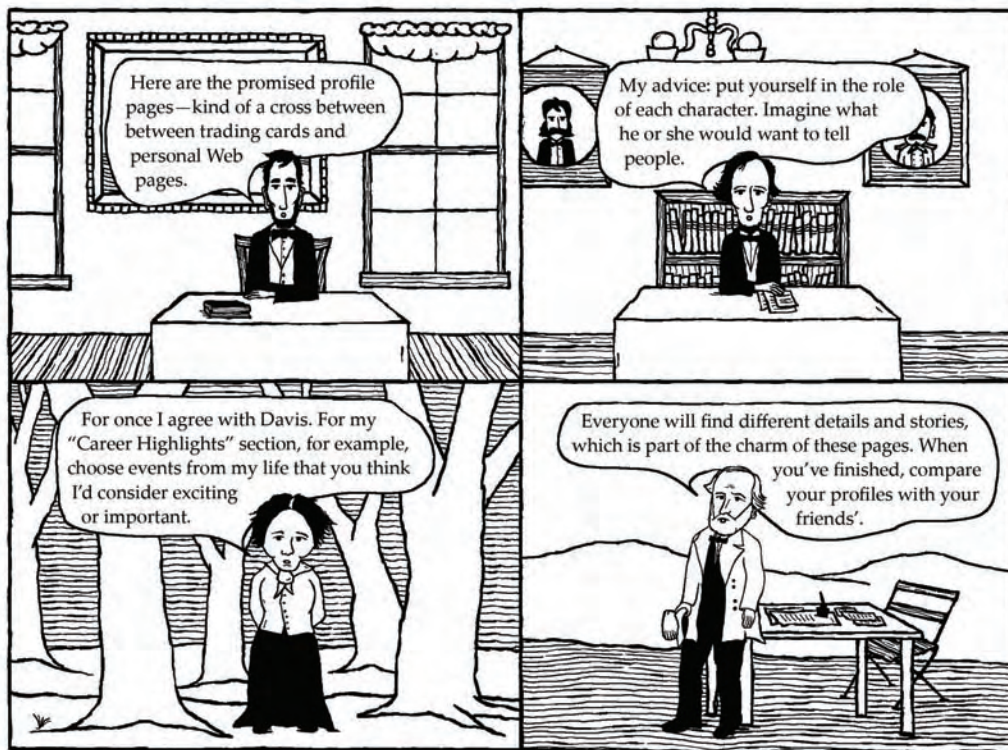
He is feeling a little shy today and could use some help with his  
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WHO SAID IT?

"ATLANTA IS OURS, AND FAIRLY WON."



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**FREDERICK DOUGLASS**

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**PROFILE**

**My birthday**

**My family**

**My hometown**

**The main reason I'm famous**

**Career highlights**

**Something most people don't know about me**

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**JOHN BROWN**

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**JEFFERSON DAVIS**

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**ULYSSES S. GRANT**

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# MY PROFILE

**My birthday**

**My family**

**My hometown**

**The main reason I might become famous**

**Life highlights**

**Something most people don't know about me**

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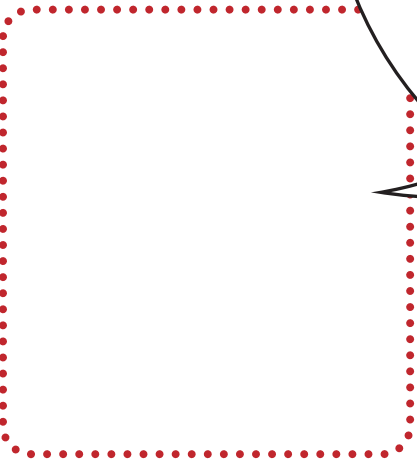
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2. **L**  
3. **D**  
4. **L**  
5. **L**

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**Douglas** NJ, MO  
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