**THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**"A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND"** Famous quote by Abraham Lincoln describing this country's slavery issue.

Examples of how slavery led to bloodshed and violence in Kansas Territory:

* 1856, fanatical abolitionist John Brown along with his 4 sons, attacked and murdered 5 men living in Pottawatomie Creek, Kansas (a pro-slavery settlement).  This took place during the time known as "Bleeding Kansas" (1856-1858) and turned into a preview of the United States Civil War.
* Another example of violence again involving John Brown, who was not captured, took place at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, a federal weapon's arsenal.    Brown believed that he was given a mission by God to arm the slaves and lead a slave rebellion to their freedom.  The revolt failed, and Brown was put on trial and executed in 1859.

These 2 examples support Lincoln's belief that slavery was destroying the nation and had to be abolished.  To southerners, Brown was a criminal and a madman. To abolitionists, he was a hero and martyr for the cause of ending slavery.

**WHAT EVENT CAUSED THE SOUTHERN STATES TO SECEDE FROM THE UNION?**

By the late 1850's, the southern states had no political power in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.  Their last hope was to get a pro-slavery president elected in 1860.  When Abraham Lincoln won the election in November of 1860, South Carolina would be the first state to secede (withdraw) from the Union in December of 1860. Early in 1861, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas also seceded to form their own country called the Confederate States of America.  Eventually, Arkansas, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina also joined the Confederacy.  Lincoln became President on March 4th, 1861 and the war started on April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter, South Carolina.

The bloodiest war in United States history had begun.

**Assignment directions: Use the glossary on p. 445 to complete the vocabulary activities for Ch. 15, 16, & 17. Print this page, complete, scan and submit.**

**Identify the term from Chapter 15 that best completes the sentences.**

1). The Underground Railroad was a secret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people opposed to slavery.

2). When southern states seceded from the Union, it signaled the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coming of the Civil War.

3). The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of slavery was one that divided families, as well as the nation.

**Chapter 16 Identify one term that best matches the underlined term or terms.**

4). Many women collected food, clothing, and medicine to give out to the troops. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5). A person could avoid the draft by hiring a replacement to serve in his place. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6). Under Attack, the Union soldiers decided to leave the fort. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 17. Choose the synonym that best matches the meaning of each vocabulary word listed below. Write the letter a, b or c on the line next to the word.**

7). RADICAL: \_\_\_\_\_ 9). SUSPEND: \_\_\_\_\_

           a. method a. believe

           b. drastic b. eliminate

           c. envy c. delay

8). CONVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ 10). OUTCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

           a. bother a. conclusion

           b. believe b. expense

           c. persuade c. anew