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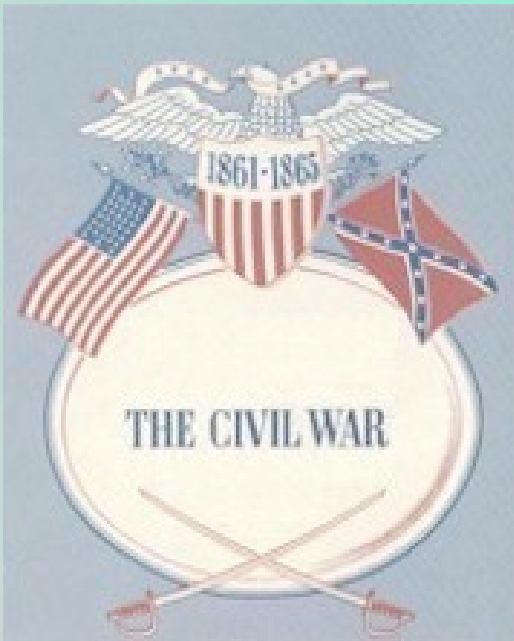
The South feared that the North would take control of Congress, and Southerners began to proclaim states rights as a means of self protection.

The North believed that the nation was a union and could not be divided. While the Civil War did not begin as a war to abolish slavery, issues surrounding slavery deeply divided the nation.

Southern secession

Following Lincoln's election, the southern states seceded from the union. Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter, in South Carolina, marking the beginning of the Civil War.

Lincoln and many Northerners believed that the United States was one nation that could not be separated or divided. Most southerners believed that states had freely created and joined the union and could freely leave it.



The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes and results of the Civil War by
b) Explaining how the issues of states rights and slavery increased sectional tensions.