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Roles of Civil War leaders

**Abraham Lincoln**
- Was President of the United States
- Opposed the spread of slavery
- Issued the Emancipation Proclamation
- Determined to preserve the Union – by force if necessary
- Believed the United States was one nation, not a collection of independent states.
- Wrote the Gettysburg Address that said the Civil War was to preserve a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

**Jefferson Davis**
- Was president of the Confederate States of America

**Ulysses S. Grant**
- Was general of the Union army that defeated Lee

**Robert E. Lee**
- Was leader of the Army of Northern Virginia
- Was offered command of the Union forces at the beginning of the war but chose not to fight against Virginia.
- Opposed secession, but did not believe the union should be held together by force
- Urge Southerners to accept defeat at the end of the war and reunite as Americans when some wanted to fight on
Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson

- Was a skilled Confederate general from Virginia.

Frederick Douglass

- Was a former enslaved African American who escaped to the North and became an abolitionist.