

- Effects of the Civil War | SOL USI. 9f



General effects of the war:

- ✓ **Families** and friends were often pitted against one another.
- ✓ Southern troops became increasingly **younger** and more poorly equipped.
- ✓ Much of the South was **devastated** at the end of the war
- ✓ **Disease** was a major killer.
- ✓ **Clara Barton** a Civil War nurse, created the American Red Cross.
- ✓ Combat was brutal and often **man -to- man**.
- ✓ **Women** were left to run **businesses** in the North and **farms** and plantations in the South.
- ✓ The collapse of the Confederacy made Confederate money **worthless**.

Effects of the war on African Americans

- ✓ African Americans fought in both the Confederate and **Union** armies.
- ✓ The Confederacy often used enslaved African Americans as **naval** crew members and soldiers.
- ✓ The Union moved to enlist African American **sailors** early in the war.
- ✓ African American soldiers were paid **less** than white soldiers.
- ✓ African American soldiers were **discriminated** against and served in **segregated** units under the command of **white** officers.
- ✓ Robert **Smalls**, a sailor and later a Union naval captain, was highly honored for his feats of bravery and heroism. He became a **congressman** after the Civil War.

Essential Understanding: Life on the battlefield and on the homefront was extremely harsh. Many died from disease and exposure.