

Questioning

Read to find out. (pre-reading)

Chapters 1-6

- 1) What caused the northern and southern states to fight in a war?
- 2) At the onset of the war, what was the mood/attitude of most of the people of the South?
- 3) What role did women play during the war?
- 4) What was life like for young girls in 1861?
- 5) Why did so many men rush to enlist in the Confederate army?

After reading chapter 6, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 7-11

- 1) How did the role of women change as the war continued?
- 2) What happened in the Battle of Shiloh?
- 3) How did the Battle of Shiloh affect the Franklin family?
- 4) At the end of 1862 what was the situation of the armies?
- 5) Why was no one celebrating the coming of the new year 1863?

After reading chapter 11, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 12-16

- 1) Why do Union soldiers come in the Franklins' home?
- 2) What has happened to Papa?
- 3) What happened to Rachel and Josup on their mission?
- 4) What happened to LizBet?
- 5) Who does not survive the war?

After reading chapter 16, what questions do you have?

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What I *Think* I Know About the American Civil War:

What I Would *Like* to Know About the Civil War:

Post-reading Questions

What Do You Think . . .

- 1) . . . would have happened if Rachel and Josup had been found by the Yankee soldiers?
- 2) . . . happened to LizBet after she ran away?
- 3) . . . would have happened if Papa had been discovered by the Yankees in their home?
- 4) . . . our country would be like if the South had won their independence from America?
- 5) . . . would have happened if Abraham Lincoln had not become president in 1861?

More to Think About . . .

- 1) The Civil War was often called "a rich man's war but a poor man's fight". What does this mean?
- 2) Compare the strengths of the southern states with the strengths of the northern states. Who had a greater advantage?
- 3) If the Battle of Shiloh were a sports game, would you describe the Confederate army's effort a win, a loss, or a tie?
- 4) In what ways did the war change the lives of southern women like Rachel and Mama?
- 5) How did the war change the lives of men like Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, Robert E. Lee, and Abraham Lincoln?