

The Civil War

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1. Many historians call the Civil War one of the first “modern” wars in World History.

First, explain why the Civil War can be called a “total war” distinct from earlier conflicts in American history. Second, describe how the Union obtained the soldiers, supplies, and social support needed to sustain the successful war effort.

The civil war can be described as a total war separate in character from other conflicts that appeared before in the history of America as it reached epic proportions never seen before. War technologies that were newly invented, and even more destructive, supported by previous developments on fields such as transportation were used. This included the railroad gun. It was the bloodiest war in The United States which resulted in close to 800, 000 deaths (Locke & Ben, 2019).

The Civil war had an effect on every American individual in a time when the military machination and effort reached proportions that had never been seen previously in the country. It involved two factions, with the Northern states fighting to maintain the Union and subsequently their economic might, while the south fought on the lines of protecting the institution of slavery which in the long run, became the primary motive of this fight; the complete eradication of slavery in all its forms. The civil war became a defining moment in the history of the United States, but all the while, a wrenching event (Locke & Ben, 2019).

Funds for the union’s course in the case of supplies were raised in the millions of dollars in sanitary fairs that took place in the old Northwest. Women came in to provide social support for the war by taking up important leadership roles in these sanitary fairs. To acquire soldiers, the Enrollment act was passed creating mandatory military drafts for all male citizens in the US that

were of able bodies and were between 18-35 years, with a caveat to enable wealthy citizens to pay for substitution (Locke & Ben, 2019).

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