Social Studies

Grade 5

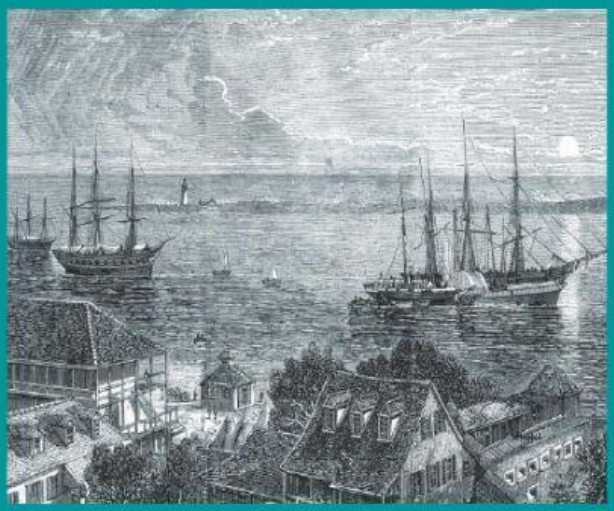
Blockade

Blockade means that access to a country's port is prevented. During the American Civil War, between 1861 and 1865, the American president Abraham Lincoln declared a blockade on the ports of the southern states (Confederacy). These states were more plantation states with few industries. They needed to use the ports to export their cotton produce to Europe to trade for guns and ammunition, which they could not manufacture, but needed in order to fight the northern states.

The Bahamas was used as a route by which the Southerners could get these items from Europe. The Bahamas also became richer; many businesses flourished and infrastructure was improved from the money made during the blockade. Unfortunately, crime also increased due to population growth.

Read the information above. Answer the questions that follow.

1. What is the definition of blockade?
   a. **To prevent access to a country's port**
   b. **To allow access to a country's port**
   c. **To prevent the selling of a country's port**
2. There was a war going on in America, what was it called?
   a. **American War of Independence**
   b. **American Civil War**
   c. **American War of Presidents**
3. When did this war take place?
   a. **1851 and 1865**
   b. **1861 and 1865**
   c. **1855 and 1865**
4. Who was the president at that time?
   a. **Abraham Lincoln**
   b. **Abraham Lowe**
   c. **Abraham Lightbourn**
5. What was the cotton produced traded for?
   a. **Meat and guns**
   b. **Guns and ammunition**
   c. **Ammunition and meat**



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