The American Civil War

Mrs. D. Marshall's Class

Instructions: Read the passage carefully. Complete the statements by filling in the blank with the correct answers or selecting the correct multiple choice.

The American Civil War occurred because of many different factors. **A civil war is a war between citizens of the same country.** In the United States, **there was a divide between the Northern States and The Southern States.**

They had differences in: (1) How they made their money, (2) Who provided the labor for their businesses (3) Their ideas about freedom and equality.

By 1860:

- **The Northern states were building wealth and making money from factories, manufacture, and railroads.**
- People would choose to immigrate to the Northern United States to work in those factories and railroads.
- **The Northern states were against the existence of Slavery**. They believed that all people should share the same freedom in life.

In the Southern States:

- They were building wealth through **Plantations that reaped cotton, tobacco, and sugar for export.**
- **Enslaved women, men and children were forced to work** on these plantations without payment.
- People in the Southern United States **believed that Negroes (African people) were worth less than Whites** and didn't deserve the same freedom. They believed that their livelihood depended on the profits from slavery. They thought that if slavery ended, it would destroy their way of life.

These civilians had different ideas about freedom and how life should be lived. This led to tension between them.

In the **year 1861, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States**. He strongly **believed that ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.** He did not believe that it was right to enslave African people and treat them like they were **subhuman.**

The Southern states felt threatened by this. They decided to secede from the United States and create their own territory. They became known as the **Confederate States.**

1.) A civil war is a disagreement between _____.

2.) Which citizens were involved in the American Civil War? Write the letter of the correct answer _____

a.) The Northern States and Southern States
b.) The Western States and the Eastern States
c.) The blacks and the whites
d.) The factory workers and the plantation laborers

2.) Name 3 ways in which the North and South were different in 1861.

i.) _____

ii.) _____

iii.) _____

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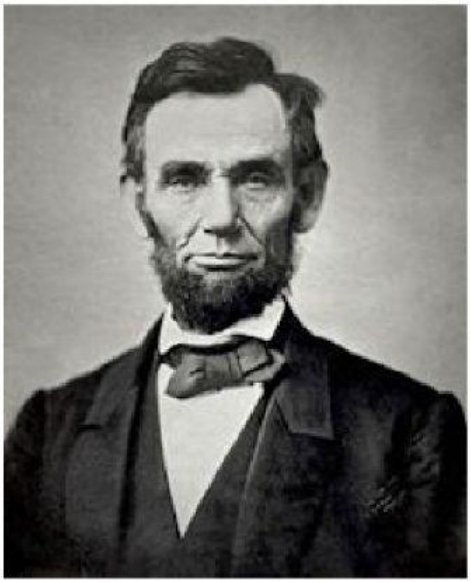
Name the person in the photograph below.



His name is _____.

He was the _____ of the United States of America in the year _____.

He believed that _____.

His beliefs threatened the Southern state's citizens and they decided to _____ from the United States and form a new territory. They were known as _____.

Do you agree with Abraham Lincoln's beliefs? Give two reasons why you agree or disagree.

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