



REAL COOL HISTORY DETECTIVES EXPLORING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR





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Introduction

Welcome to the Real Cool History Detectives Exploring the American Civil War Digital Course. The goal of this exploration is to bring your family an immersive learning experience that will walk with you through the years surrounding the American Civil War.

Please Note:

This resources is meant to be a tool in exploring the American Civil War with your family. This is not a comprehensive, chronological study of that time period, but rather an enrichment supplement to bring the stories of that major event to life through podcast episodes from the Real Cool History for Kids Podcast show.

In the following pages, you will find links to specific podcast episodes, followed by printable activities and other resources to help you get the most out of each episode.

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- Attack on
- Virginia, ind North of join the Confederacy.
- West Virginia is formed
- Slave states, Delawo htucky, Missouri did not join the federal



EARLY EVENTS OF 1862

- General McClellan looses his command after ignoring Lincoln's orders to move.
- The Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac (to ironsides) happened on March 9th.
- The Battle of Shiloh heavy losses for both sides. Union won.
- Fort Pulaski, Savannah Harbor, falls to the Union.



THE SOUTH SECEDES (1861)

South Carolina leads Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas in secession after Lincoln was elected President of the United States. Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina threaten secession as well. In February, the seven seceding states create the Confederate government. They seize Federal forts, including Fort Sumpter.



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SUMMER/FALL 1862

- General McClellan faces Confederate roops in a series of battles in the Peninsular Campaign.
- Stonewall Jackson defeats Union forces at the Battle of Shenandoah.
- General Jackson took Harper's Ferry.
- Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves in rebelling states after the bloodiest battle to date Antietam.



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FALL/WINTER 1863

- In September, the South maintained control after the Battle of Chickamauga.
- In November, the North won the Battle of Chattanooga, and opened the way for Sherman's attack on Atlanta.
- Both sides pretty much hunkered down for the winter.



WINTER 1862/1863

- Confederates win at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the Union Army struggles to find good leadership.
- General McClellan is replaced by General Burnside, who is replaced by General Hooker. November 1862.
- President Lincoln passes the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring that all slaves in rebelling states are free.



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SPRING 1864

- General Grant, now commander of the Union Army, attacks General Lee repeatedly in the Wilderness Campaign.
- The South was beginning to deeply feel the loss of men. The North could replace their soldiers; the South could not.



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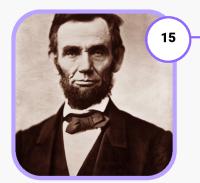
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WINTER 1864/1865

- November of 1864, President Lincoln was reelected for a second term.
- December 1864, Sherman captures but does not destroy Savannah, Georgia, and gives the city to the President as a Christmas present.
- Sherman continues his destructive march through the Carolinas.



THE SIEGE OF PETERSBURG

The Siege of Petersburg, a ten-month standoff in which the Union army tried to rout the Confederates from their most crucial supply and transportation hub. The siege lasted from June of 1864 through April of 1865.

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APRIL 1865

- General Lee surrenders at Appomation
- The Civil War is officially over.
- President Lincoln recommends a peaceful reconstruction.
- President Lincoln is assassinated while watching a stage play with his wife.

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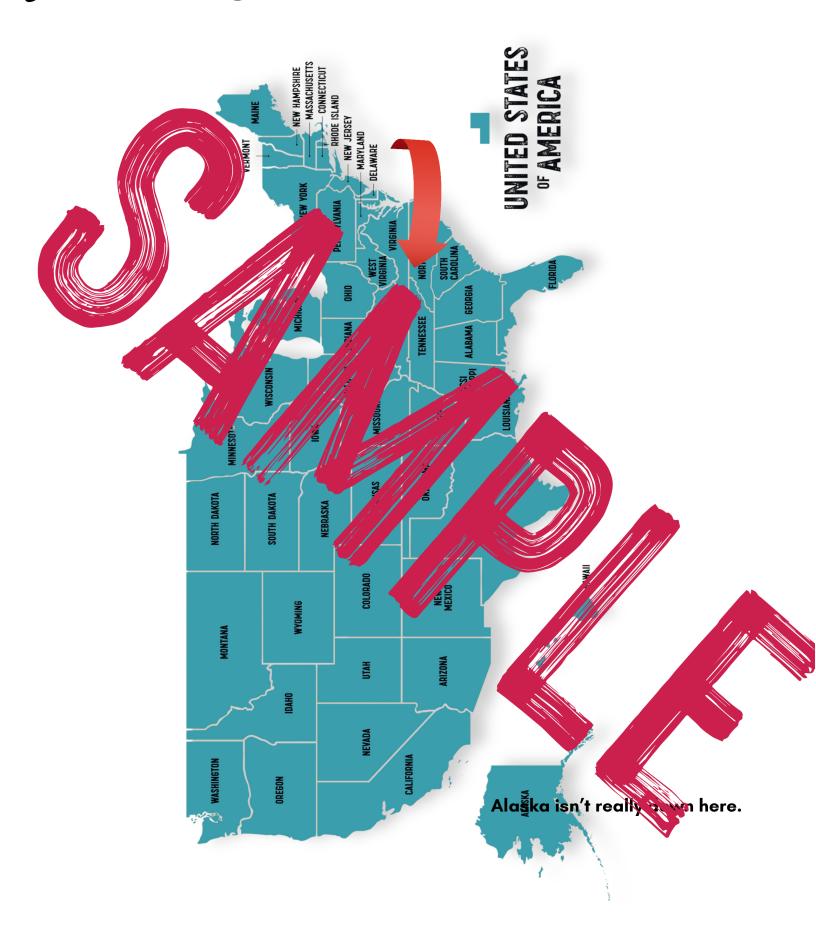
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR AFTER PODCAST &PISODE 114: OUR DIVIDED COUNTRY

- 1. What does the word "civil" usually mean? (kind, considerate, acceptable behavior)
- 2. When did slavery become part of the world's culture and why did many people feel it didn't belong in America? (Slavery began the Ancient Times, and many people didn't feel it belonged in a country based on principles of "liberty for all.")
- 3. What United States President signed the Missouri Compromise? (President Monroe)
- 4. What did this compromise try to accomplish and did it work? (It was meant to balance the number of slave states and free states, and it worked for a little while.)
- 5. Who was the abolitionist extremist who tried to take over the arsenal at Harpers Ferry and what was he trying to accomplish? (John Brown. He was trying to cause a large-scale slave uprising.)
- 6. What happened in California to cause a sudden growth in population and how did this affect the journey to statehood? (The Gold Rush of 1848. President Taylor suggested that California skip the steps usually taken to obtain statehood and go straight to becoming a free state.)
- 7. When California was named a free state, how did the Southern states respond? (They were anary because they, had helped elect President Taylor, a slave owner himself.)
- 8. Why did the Southern States say they were leaving the Union and did they? (They didn't want the government telling them they couldn't own slaves. The slaves were part of their way of life and how they made their money. They did leave when President Lincoln was elected because they believed it was one step closer to the government taking away their right to own slaves or be able to operate their government at the state level.)
- 9. Who was elected as President of the United States right before the Civil War began, and was he a staunch abolitionist at that time? (Abraham Lincoln, who was anti-slavery but not a staunch abolitionist yet, was elected as President before the Civil War. His election added to the division with the South.)
- 10. Where were the first shots of the Civil War fired? Explain what happened. (Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The Confederates ceased control of this Federal fort and demanded the surrender of the Federal (Union) troops inside.)

On the map below, find the Appalachian Mountains. On the next page, look at the modern map to see what states are in the same area. Talk about how America grew and spread out to the west coast between 1800 and 1850.





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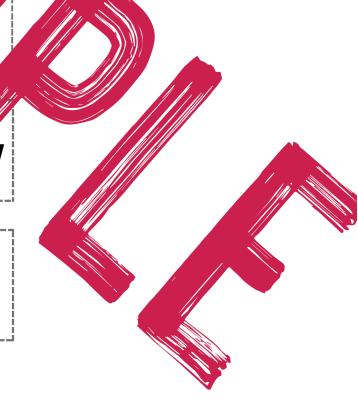
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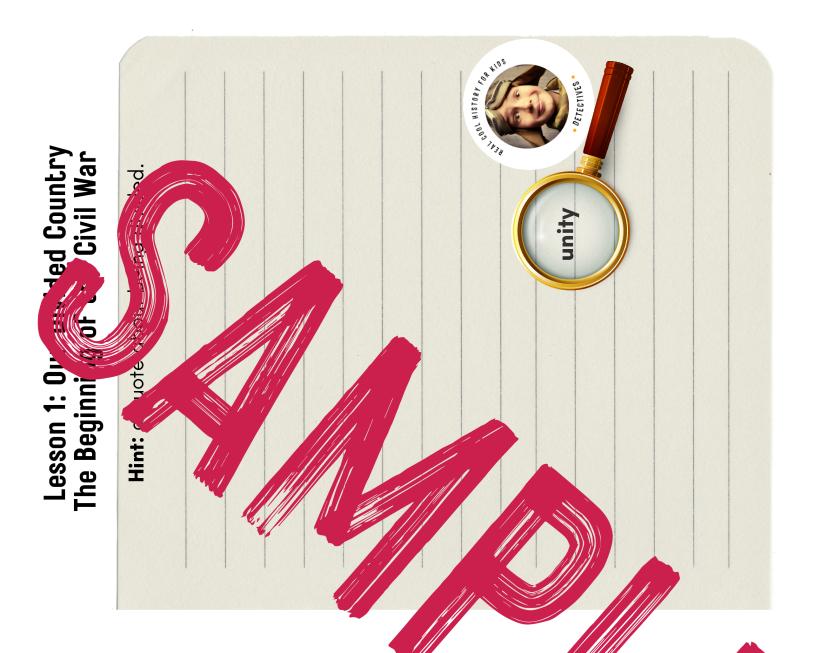
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Answer Key:

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President Abraham Lincoln

Character Project Instructions

These are each a four-part project consisting of four pages (printer paper size). Each lesson, the course lesson will contain the new page to print.

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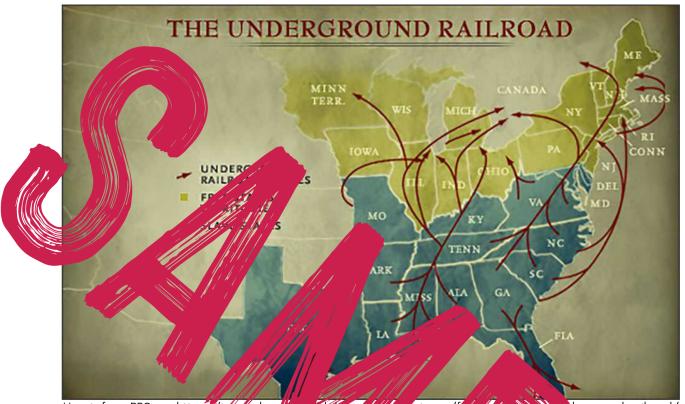
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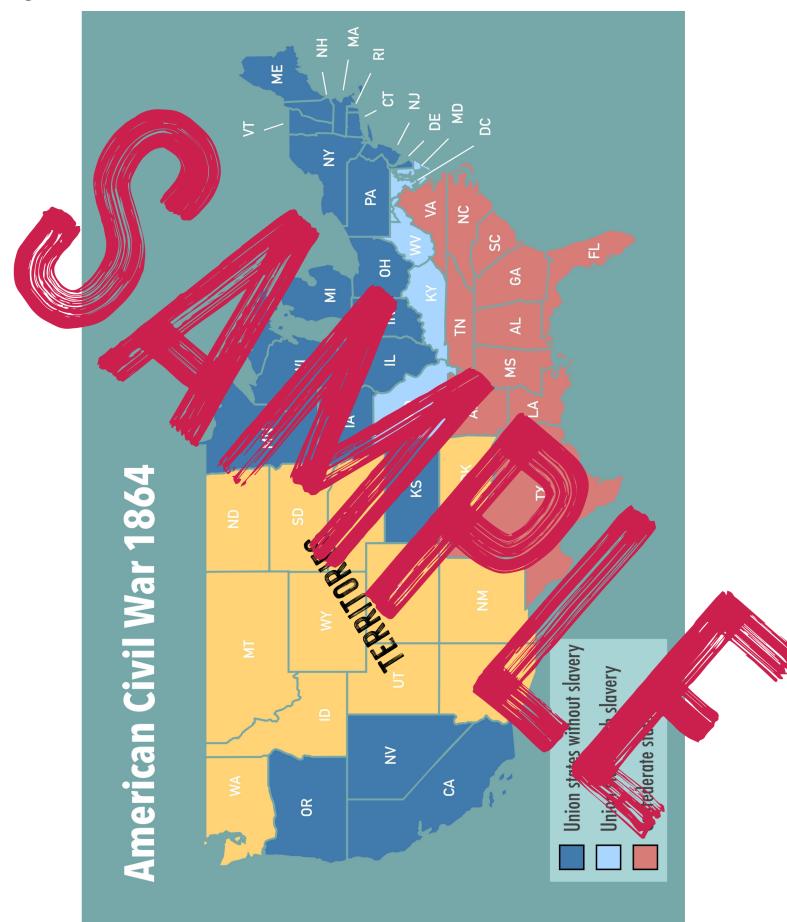






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- 3. How many states Confederate states during the Civil War?
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Bonus Question: (This was not in the episode) Through your own research or through deciphering clues in the podcast, for how many years did Sarah campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday?

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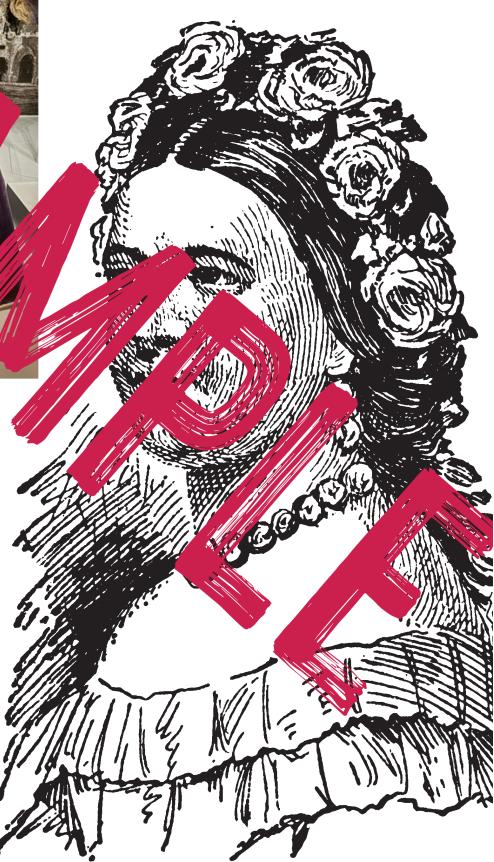


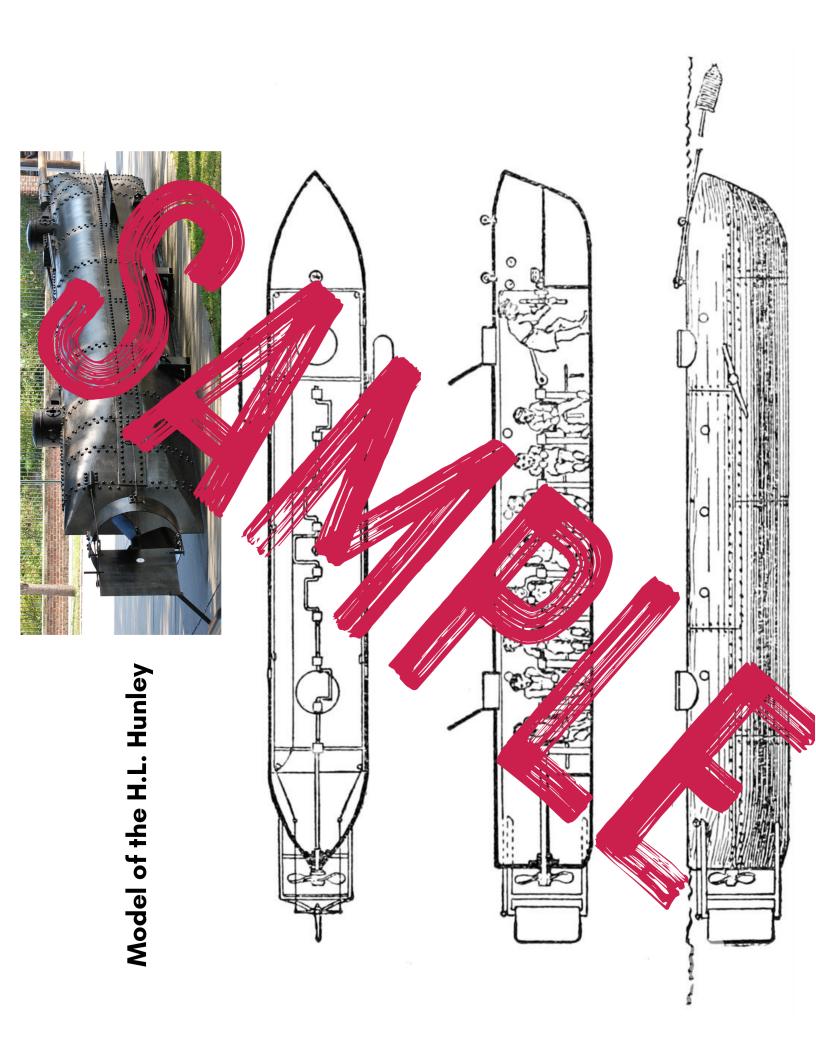
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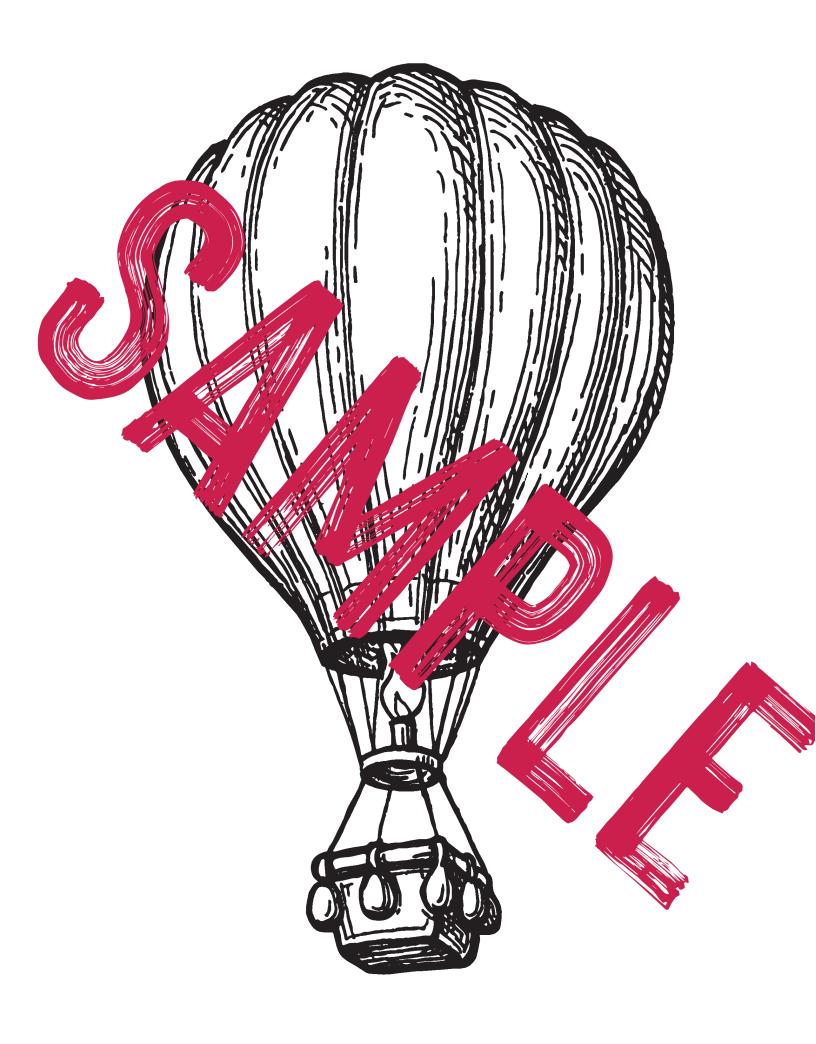


I recently took these pictures at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. Top: Mrs. Lincoln's Inaugural gown.

Bottom: Mrs. Lincoln's silver tea serving set







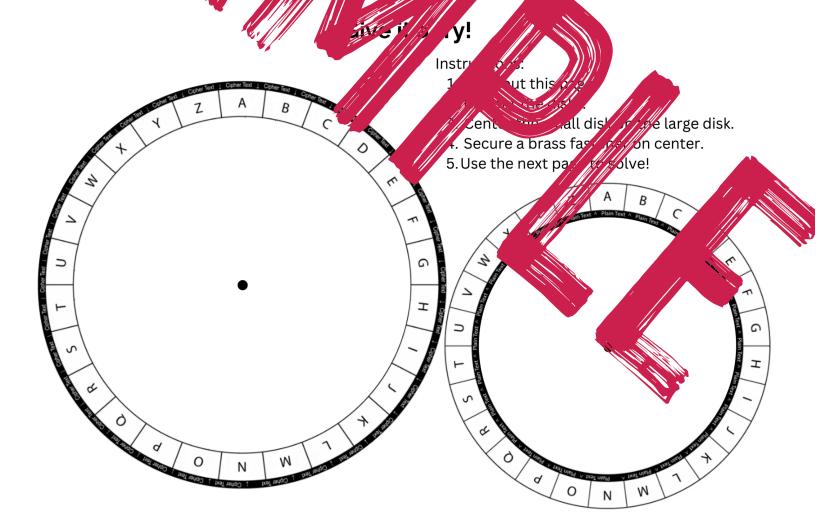
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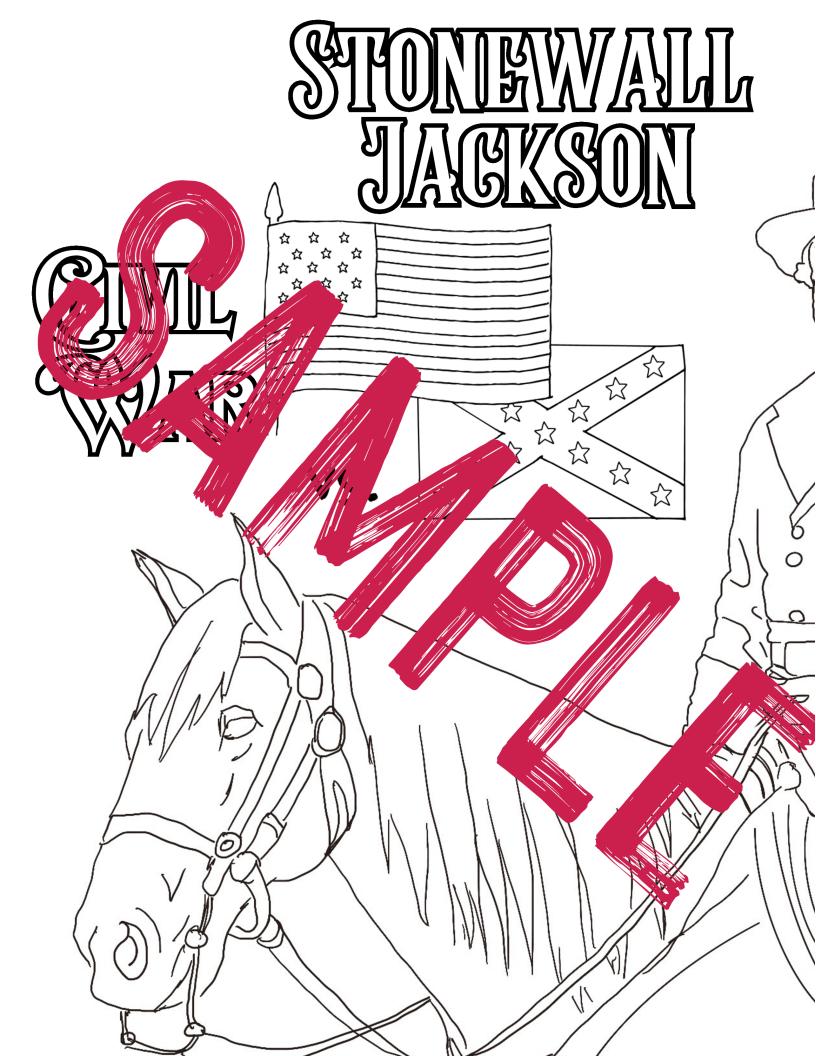
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Key Letter: E

Hint: The red cross is a symbol of

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This is the box where President Lincoln and his wife, Mary, were sitting when he was shot (by the pistol pictured below). John Wilkes

Booth caught his spur on the flag hanging between the two windows as he jumped to the stage below. This what caused him to break his leg.



These photos were taken at the historic Ford's Theater on a recent trip to Washington D.C.



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President Abraham Lincoln took place.

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This is a map of the historic dis Ford's Theater,





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