

Tracing the Civil War
The American Civil War along the Natchez Trace: Mississippi



Civil War Vocabulary

1. **Ammunition**- bullets, shells, missiles, and other projectiles used as weapons
2. **Artillery**- large-caliber guns, e.g. cannons, howitzers, missile launchers, and mortars
3. **Bayonet**- a blade that can be attached to the end of a rifle and used for stabbing
4. **Breastwork**- a wall built as a temporary barrier for defense
5. **Caisson**- a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle, used to carry ammunition
6. **Campaign**- a series of military operations taking place in one area over a period, intended to achieve a specific objective
7. **Cavalry**- the part of an army made up of soldiers trained to fight on horseback
8. **Infantry**- soldiers who are trained to fight on foot
9. **Limber**- a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle, used to transport a cannon
10. **Militia**- civilians who have some military training and serve during emergencies
11. **Objective**- the target or goal of a military operation
12. **Pickett**- soldier or soldiers on guard duty
13. **Siege**- a military operation in which troops surround a place and cut off all outside access to force surrender
14. **Skirmish**- an incident where fighting breaks out briefly between two small groups, sometimes as part of a larger battle
15. **Strategy**- the science or art of planning and conducting a war or a military campaign
16. **Surrender**- an act of declaring defeat at the hands of an opponent