

## Soldier Life

Using the word bank, fill in the missing words.

<b>Drilling</b>	<b>Adventure</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Women</b>
<b>Hardtack</b>	<b>Sickness</b>	<b>Letters</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>620,000</b>	<b>Memories</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>

1. The age of the average Civil War soldier was between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.
2. One reason why someone might sign up to fight in the Civil War would be:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Hardtack and salt pork are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ eaten by Civil War soldiers.
4. Civil War soldiers kept in touch with family by writing \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The majority of a soldier's time was spent \_\_\_\_\_ in camp, not fighting on the battlefield.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ men died in the Civil War.
7. Most men died of \_\_\_\_\_, not war wounds.
8. Hospitals were set up in any \_\_\_\_\_ structure, including houses and barns.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ came to help nurse the men back to health.
10. Soldiers faced \_\_\_\_\_ of the war for the rest of their lives.

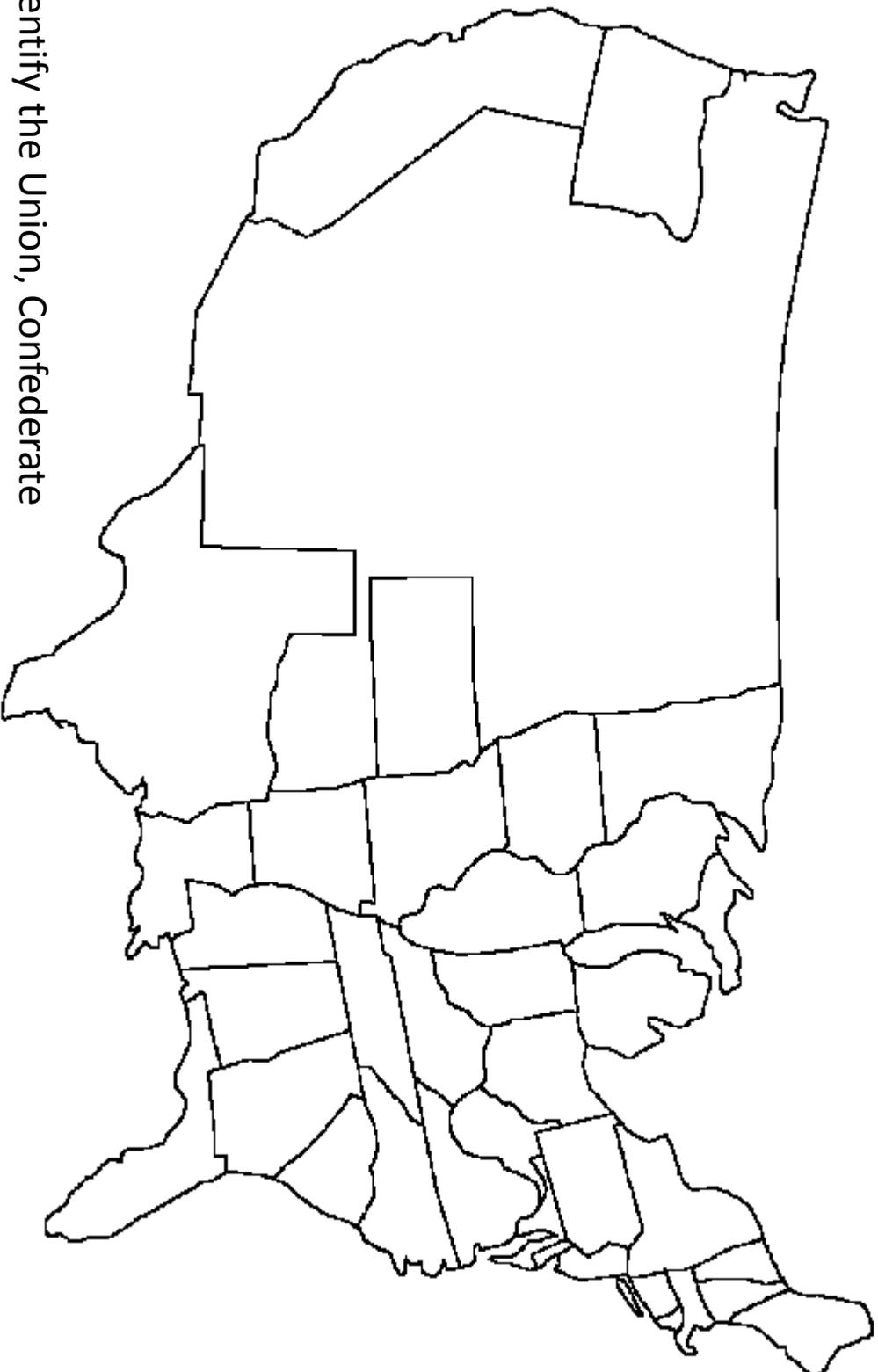
# The Things They Carried



All of a soldier's personal possessions were carried by the soldier, often in his haversack. Identify and briefly write about five items in the table below:

Number	Name	What it was used for

# The Civil War



# Major Civil War Battles



**SFumortter**

The first shot fired in the Civil War

**BRuunll**

The first major battle

**BSathoitfloeh**

The bloodiest battle of the war

**AontBieatttlaefm**

The battle that led to the Emancipation Proclamation

**BGettoaystfbtulreg**

The major turning point battle

**oVickBastbtulfreg**

The final battle when General Pemberton surrendered



# CONFEDERATE STATES

## Word Search

D V C Y K G F K I M V S S Y V W O N K E  
 T S Q R Q L A B J P R I V A G N O N E S  
 N A G Z O M F T Q H P Q R C X R A S I F  
 I J D R A I G R O E G I O G T E S Q X K  
 A N I L O R A C H T U O S H I E T K L X  
 O D P X G H X D M R U W C S N N G N W H  
 A O D R C Q W A O X J A V N I M I G C L  
 L I H C F D V T K A R U E D P S T A X X  
 H A K E P V A L U O Q T M J I M S Z E B  
 D B F O Z N P A L X C I A C G P L I C J  
 C R M F V C O I E O F K N I F E C T M O  
 I E F M Z H N Z D J F B A Q A B M W E Q  
 B L O F F A H L P C X Y I A B A N L A B  
 V J R Z R I X K H D P B S L J R X R B H  
 F P G C U B G B H Q N P I A Z U T J P R  
 H E C O Q J D Y H G H I U B U X W C F E  
 X N K A F M G V Z R J L O A K X R Z Q W  
 W F B X G X Q I V W R L L M S T W T N J  
 G A R K A N S A S G J E X A B W F O J M  
 V M P D E U S X R W X I T A M M V O A S

Alabama  
 Arkansas  
 Florida  
 Georgia  
 Louisiana  
 Mississippi  
 North Carolina  
 South Carolina  
 Tennessee  
 Texas  
 Virginia



Read Sullivan Ballou's letter to his wife and then listen to the audio reading of a portion of the letter at:

<http://bullrunnings.wordpress.com/2008/09/07/sullivan-ballou-letter-video-clip-honorable-manhood/>

Now answer the following:

1. Why did Sullivan Ballou write this letter?
2. What is happening during the Civil War at the time the letter was written?
3. Sullivan wrote this letter to his wife. Who else might read this letter?
4. Do you think Sullivan knew that other people might read the letter when he wrote it? Why or why not?
5. How did Sullivan try to comfort his wife and family in this letter? How do you think his family reacted to this letter?

# SULLIVAN<sup>7</sup> BALLOU LETTER

Copy of a letter from Sullivan Ballou to his wife before the battle of Bull Run

Headquarters

Camp Clark

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1861      Washington, D.C.

My Very dear wife:

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days perhaps tomorrow. And lest I should not be able to write you again I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more. Our movement may be one of a few days duration and full of pleasure. And it may be one of severe conflict and death to me. "Not my will but thine O God, be done" if it is necessary that I should fall on the battlefield for my Country I am ready. I have no misgivings about or lack of confidence in the Cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution; and I am willing perfectly willing to lay down all my joys in this life to help maintain this Government and to pay that debt.

But my dear wife, when I know that with my own joys I lay down nearly all of yours,- and replace them in this life with care and sorrow when after having eaten for long years the bitter fruit of orphanage myself, I must offer it as their only sustenance to my dear little children. is it weak or dishonorable that while the banner of purpose floats calmly and proudly in the breeze, underneath my unbounded love for you my dear wife and children should struggle in fierce though useless contest with my love of Country

I cannot describe to you my feelings on this calm summer night when two thousand men are sleeping around me, many of them enjoying the last perhaps before that of Death. And I suspicious that Death is creeping behind me with his fatal dart am communing with God my country and thee. I have sought most closely and diligently and often in my brest [sic] for a wrong motive in thus hazarding the happiness of all that I love and I could not find one. A pure love of my Country and of the principles I have advocated before the people and the name of honor that I love more than I fear death have called upon me and I have obeyed.

Sarah my love for you is deathless it seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence can break. And yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly with all those chains to the battle field the memories of the blissful moments I have enjoyed with you come crowding over me, and I feel most deeply grateful to God and you that I have enjoyed them so long. And how hard it is for me to give them up! And burn to ashes the the [sic] hopes of future years when God willing we might still have lived and loved together and see our boys grow up to honourable manhood around us. I know I have but few claims upon Divine Providence but something whispers to me perhaps it is the wafted prayer of my little Edgar that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not my dear Sarah never forget how much I loved you nor that when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield it will whisper your name.

Forgive my many faults and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless how foolish I have sometimes been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness and struggle with all the misfortunes of this world to shield you and my children from harm but I cannot. I must watch you from the spirit world and hover near you while you buffet the storms with your precious little freight, and wait with sad patience till we meet to part no more.

But Oh Sarah! If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they love I shall always be with you in the brightest day and the darkest night amidst your happiest sceans [sic] and gloomiest hours always always and when the soft breeze fans your cheek it shall be my breath or the cool air your throbbing temple it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah, do not mourn me dead think I am gone and wait for me for we shall meet again.

As for my little boys they will grow up as I have done and never know a fathers love and care.

Little Willie is to [sic] young to remember me long and my blue eyed Edgar will keep my frolics with him among the dimmest memories of his childhood. Sarah I have unlimited confidence in your maternal care and your development of their characters. Tell my two Mothers I call Gods blessing upon them. Oh! Sarah I wait for you then come to me and lead thither my children

Sullivan

