

TN4Me Reading Guide: The Civil War

Answer Key

1. When did the Civil War begin and end? **1861-1865**
2. Were many battles fought in Tennessee? **Yes**
3. How many Tennesseans fought for the Confederacy? **120,000**
How many for the Union? **50,000**
4. Did all Tennesseans want to join the Confederacy? **No**
5. Which part of the state disagreed with secession? **East**
6. What was the Missouri Compromise? **Admitted Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a free state**
7. What reasons did Tennesseans give for fighting in the Civil War? **Life, liberty, property, God, family, duty, freedom, and for fellow soldiers**
8. Who won the election of 1860? **Abraham Lincoln**
9. Was Tennessee the first or last state to leave the Union? **Last**
10. Briefly summarize one story of a family that was divided over the Civil War.

One story from the website:

Thomas A.R. Nelson was a Unionist from East Tennessee who a member of Congress. After the war began, he was arrested by Confederates and sent to Richmond, Virginia, as a prisoner. Two of his sons joined the Confederate army while two served in the Union army. When Nelson heard that one of his sons had been captured by the Union army and imprisoned, he pleaded with President Abraham Lincoln for his son's release. The son took the oath of Union allegiance and was released.