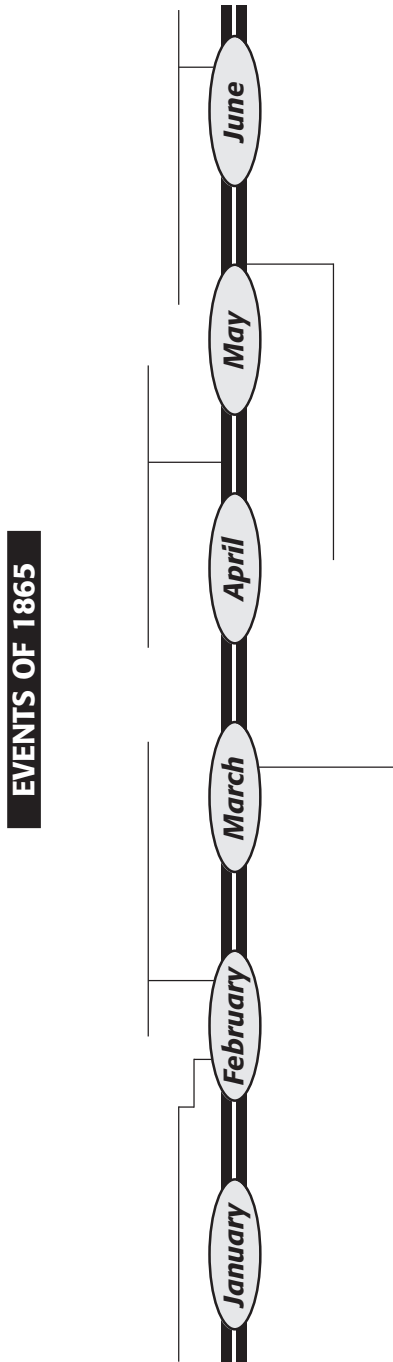


★ Time Line Activity 16

The Last Year of the Civil War

DIRECTIONS: Read the following background information about the end of the United States Civil War and enter the events in the appropriate places on the time line. Include the date for each event.



<p>EVENTS OF 1865 Background In the last phases of the war, strategic events sealed the fate of both Abraham Lincoln and the Confederacy. On January 31 the House of Representatives passed the Thirteenth Amendment, effectively abolishing slavery. On February 6 General Robert E. Lee took over command of the Confederate armies. On March 4 Lincoln concluded his second Inaugural Address by urging the country "to</p>	<p>bind up the nation's wounds." With Lincoln's assassination on April 14, Andrew Johnson became the seventeenth president. Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was captured on May 10. Confederate prisoners of war were released on June 6 by President Johnson.</p>
<p>LANDMARK DATES IN 1865</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery is passed. • General Robert E. Lee becomes general in chief of Confederate armies. • Abraham Lincoln wants nation to "heal" in his second Inaugural Address. • President Lincoln is assassinated. • Confederate president Jefferson Davis is captured. • Confederate prisoners of war are released. 	

★ Enrichment Activity 16-5



Deaths in Battles

Hundreds of thousands of people died as a result of the Civil War. Deaths from diseases greatly exceeded combat deaths. The table below shows financial costs and battle deaths of major United States wars.



Battle Deaths and Costs of Major Wars Fought by the United States (estimated)

	Number of Battle Deaths	Total Costs (Millions of Dollars)	Original Costs (Millions of Dollars)
Vietnam War (1959–1983)	47,318	352,000	140,600
Korean War	33,629	164,000	54,000
World War II	291,557	664,000	288,000
World War I	53,402	112,000	26,000
Spanish-American War	385	6,460	400
Civil War {	Union only	140,414	3,200
	Confederacy (est.)	94,000	1,000
Mexican War	1,733	147	73
War of 1812	2,260	158	93
American Revolution	6,824	190	100

DIRECTIONS: Analyzing Information Use the table to complete the fact list.

- Total number of battle deaths in the Civil War _____
- The North's percentage of Civil War battle deaths _____
- The war with the highest total cost _____
- The war whose total cost least exceeded its original cost _____
- The war with the highest number of battle deaths _____
- The difference between the number of battle deaths in the American Revolution and the Civil War _____

Activity

DIRECTIONS: Making an Oral History Book In addition to the costs in money and health, wars have emotional costs. With your classmates prepare an oral history book of Americans' war experiences. Pick one of the wars for which the United States still has living veterans, such as World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or the Gulf War. Interview a veteran and ask about the emotional costs of the war. Share your findings with the class.