Review Questions for the Civil War

Part 1

1. Why did President Lincoln feel that he had to send fresh provisions to Fort Sumter? What problem presented itself to the South by Lincoln’s decision? What was the South’s reaction to that decision?
2. Create a CHART, which analyzes the advantages and disadvantages of the North and the South in terms of their readiness for war.
3. How did the Union propose to finance the war? How successful was this? What was the effect on the economy?
4. How did both the Union and the Confederacy propose to raise troops? How did people react to these methods?
5. Who were the candidates running for president in 1864? Why was the Union Party created? Could Lincoln have lost his bid for reelection?
6. What role did African Americans play in support of the Union cause?
7. What impact did the Civil War have on the Northern industrial economy? What about laborers in the North?
8. How did the National Bank Act of 1863 help make banks safer for investors?
9. What part did women play in the Union war effort?
10. How did the Confederacy attempt to finance the war?