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Chapter 5 The American Civil War

Good Morning Students!

In Chapter 4 we had studied about the American War of Independence. However, in the early nineteenth century we witness a conflict in America between the Northern and the Southern states. The Northern States had industrial base while the Southern states practised agriculture.

The different economies led to the conflict of interests between the two. The Northern States favoured improvement in the transportation, but the Southern States opposed it as according to it, the soil's fertility would be adversely affected. The North was opposed to slavery. They needed labour to work in the factories. The Southern States favoured slavery as a number of agricultural works were performed by the slaves. The condition of the slaves was not good. They were forced to work and live in unhygienic conditions. In order to support the slaves, Anti Slavery movement was led by William Lloyd Garrison.

Another point of conflict between North and South was the question of tariff. The Northern States wanted to protect their industry and also want that their manufactured goods are sold. So they demanded protective

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tariffs which would make foreign goods more expensive. But as the Southern States had agricultural base and depended upon import of goods, they were opposed to tariffs as it would make goods more expensive.

The election of Abraham Lincoln as the President in 1861 further added to the problems. The Southern States being apprehensive of the situation wanted the right to decide if they wanted to remain as single nation or part away from it. The eleven Southern states withdrew from the membership and formed Confederate States of America. Jefferson Davis was elected as their President.

Abraham Lincoln tried to bring the seceded states back into the Union. After a series of failure in negotiations Civil War was fought. A number of battles were fought at different fronts. Abraham Lincoln by the Declaration of Independence set free all slaves even in Southern states and invited them to be part of forces of the Union. After four years of war Robert Lee surrendered to General Ulysses Grant. The Civil War came to an end.

The Civil War was a turning point in the history of USA. It strengthened political and administrative centres of America. The abolishment of slavery and giving

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right to vote was also important achievement. The Southern States returned back to the Union. There was great loss of men and material. The hatred prevailed for sometime between northern and southern states. Industries developed in America and new agricultural tools paved way for overall progress in America. There was change in the lifestyle of the people as they used new products.

MCQ's

1. North-South
2. South
3. USA
4. II
5. Palm tree

State whether True or False

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. False
5. False