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The Civil War

Learn about the American Civil War

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions that follow.

A **civil war** is a war between groups of people in the same country. In 1861, the American Civil War began between the North, known as the Union, and the South, known as the Confederacy. The North wanted the national government to maintain authority over all of the states, federal taxes, and abolition of slavery. The South wanted the states to have more power and were against taxes. They were also against ending slavery, even when large plantations depended upon it. The war ended on April 9, 1865, with General Robert E. Lee of the Confederate army surrendering to General Ulysses S. Grant of the Union army, over 620,000 Americans had died from the war.

Questions

What was the North called?

What was the South called?

Which group was against ending slavery?

Who was the general of the Union army?

What year did the Civil War end?
