

American Civil War Battles: Graphic Organizer



The American Civil War began in 1861 and lasted four long years, ending in 1865. It was one of the bloodiest wars in United States history. More than fifty battles were fought between the Union and Confederate armies.

Research four key battles of the war: the First Battle of Bull Run, the Battle of Antietam, the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Battle of Appomattox Courthouse. Complete the graphic organizer for each one.

Painting by Thure de Thulstrup depicting the Battle of Gettysburg

First Battle of Bull Run (also called the Battle of Manassas)

Date	
Location	
Key Leaders	Union (North): Confederate (South):
Cause	
Outcome	

Battle of Antietam (also called Battle of Sharpsburg)

Date	
Location	
Key Leaders	Union (North): Confederate (South):
Cause	
Outcome	

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Keep going! Fill in the details of each battle.

Battle of Gettysburg

Date	
Location	
Key Leaders	Union (North): Confederate (South):
Cause	
Outcome	

Battle of Appomattox Court House

Date	
Location	
Key Leaders	Union (North): Confederate (South):
Cause	
Outcome	

Bonus question: Choose a Civil War battle not listed above that you think was particularly significant. Explain why.
