

Civil War Trivia Quiz

Level 1

- 1) More Confederate soldiers died of _____ than anything else.
 - A. gunshot wounds
 - B. bayonet wounds
 - C. disease
 - D. starvation

- 2) Who was North Carolina's governor during the secession crisis?
 - A. Jonathan Worth
 - B. William Gaston
 - C. John Ellis
 - D. Bryan Grimes

- 3) In the 1860 presidential election, Abraham Lincoln _____ in North Carolina.
 - A. won by a large majority
 - B. won by a small majority
 - C. lost by a small majority
 - D. did not receive a single vote

- 4) Which of the following did Union troops capture on February 8, 1862?
 - A. New Bern
 - B. Wilmington
 - C. Beaufort
 - D. Roanoke Island

- 5) What are the colors of the North Carolina state flag?
 - A. Red, white, and blue
 - B. Red, white, and gray
 - C. Blue and white
 - D. Red and white

- 6) How many white Union regiments formed in North Carolina during the Civil War?
 - A. None
 - B. One
 - C. Four
 - D. Ten

- 7) How many African American Union regiments formed in North Carolina in 1863–1864?
 - A. None
 - B. One
 - C. Four
 - D. Ten

- 8) Which Confederate general surrendered to Union general William T. Sherman at James and Nancy Bennett's farm in April 1865?
 - A. Bryan Grimes
 - B. William Dorsey Pender
 - C. Joseph E. Johnston
 - D. James Johnston Pettigrew

- 9) Which of the following best describes most Quakers in North Carolina during the Civil War?
 - A. They owned slaves and supported the Confederacy.
 - B. They owned slaves but supported the Union.
 - C. They opposed slavery and supported the Union.
 - D. They opposed slavery but supported the Confederacy.

- 10) Desperate for food and supplies for their families during the Civil War, North Carolina women resorted to which of the following?
 - A. Writing Governor Vance for help
 - B. Making creative substitutions (like wallpaper for stationery)
 - C. Seizing flour from speculators
 - D. All of the above

Level 2

- 1) What did John Brown attempt to do in October 1859?
 - A. Kill President Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Attack Charleston, South Carolina
 - C. Start a slave rebellion in Virginia
 - D. Prevent a slave rebellion in North Carolina

- 2) After President Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860, most North Carolinians _____.
 - A. were happy about his victory
 - B. wanted to wait and see what he would do
 - C. wanted to leave the United States immediately
 - D. wanted to declare war on the United States

- 3) In 1861 almost three-fourths of white North Carolina families _____.
 - A. owned at least one slave
 - B. owned at least five slaves
 - C. owned at least ten slaves
 - D. did not own any slaves

- 4) Which of the following situations did North Carolinians on the home front face during the Civil War?
 - A. Invasion by the Union army

- B. High food prices and shortages
 - C. Confederate confiscation of food, livestock, and wagons
 - D. All of the above
- 5) How many times a minute could a well-trained Civil War soldier fire his muzzle-loading rifle?
- A. Three
 - B. Eight
 - C. Ten
 - D. One
- 6) What was the settlement of newly freed slaves established near New Bern during the Civil War?
- A. Princeton
 - B. James City
 - C. Kinston
 - D. White Hall
- 7) Captured North Carolina Confederate soldiers were sent to prisoner-of-war camps in several Northern states. Where was the Point Lookout prison located?
- A. Pennsylvania
 - B. New York
 - C. Maryland
 - D. Maine
- 8) At which Civil War battle did North Carolina troops suffer the greatest number of casualties?
- A. Sharpsburg (Antietam), 1862
 - B. Chancellorsville, 1863
 - C. Gettysburg, 1863
 - D. Spotsylvania Courthouse, 1864
- 9) North Carolina general D. H. Hill was the brother-in-law of what famous Confederate general?
- A. J. E. B. Stuart
 - B. Braxton Bragg
 - C. "Stonewall" Jackson
 - D. A. P. Hill
- 10) Where did the largest surrender of Confederate troops in 1865 take place?
- A. Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia
 - B. Bennett Place, North Carolina
 - C. Selma, Alabama
 - D. Vicksburg, Mississippi

Level 3

- 1) Which candidate received the majority of votes in North Carolina during the 1860 presidential election?
 - A. John Bell
 - B. John C. Breckinridge
 - C. Stephen Douglas
 - D. Abraham Lincoln

- 2) In May 1861, North Carolina primarily left the Union because _____.
 - A. South Carolina troops had fired upon Fort Sumter, South Carolina
 - B. Abraham Lincoln had been sworn in as president
 - C. Nat Turner led a slave revolt in nearby Virginia
 - D. President Lincoln requested North Carolina troops from Governor Ellis to put down the Southern rebellion

- 3) Which North Carolina Regiment was “First at Bethel”?
 - A. First Regiment North Carolina State Troops
 - B. First Regiment North Carolina Volunteers
 - C. Second Regiment North Carolina Volunteers
 - D. Fourth Regiment North Carolina State Troops

- 4) During the Civil War, most soldiers from North Carolina _____.
 - A. volunteered to serve in the Confederate army
 - B. volunteered to serve in the Union army
 - C. were drafted to serve in the Confederate army
 - D. were drafted to serve in the Union army

- 5) What Mountain community was the scene of a massacre of Union sympathizers in 1863?
 - A. Black Mountain
 - B. Spruce Pine
 - C. Shelton Laurel
 - D. Bald Creek

- 6) Which of the following did North Carolina African Americans do during the Civil War?
 - A. Built forts and did other work for the Confederate army
 - B. Labored as slaves on farms and plantations
 - C. Escaped slavery and served in the Union army
 - D. All of the above

- 7) Whom did President Abraham Lincoln appoint in 1862 as wartime governor of the Union-occupied areas of eastern North Carolina?
 - A. William W. Holden
 - B. Ambrose E. Burnside

- C. Edward Stanly
- D. Parker D. Robbins

- 8) In which of the following pairs did the first item **not** serve as a substitute for the second during the war?
- A. Okra/coffee
 - B. Homespun cloth/factory-made cloth
 - C. Soybeans/meat
 - D. Wallpaper/envelopes
- 9) What did most North Carolina Confederate soldiers believe by the spring of 1864?
- A. That the South would easily win the war
 - B. That the South might still win the war
 - C. That the South would surely lose the war
 - D. That the South should surrender and rejoin the Union
- 10) Which famous Confederate ship, commanded by Chatham County native James Waddell, surrendered to authorities in Liverpool, England, months after the Confederate surrenders at Appomattox and Bennett Place?
- A. CSS Albemarle
 - B. CSS Shenandoah
 - C. CSS Florida
 - D. CSS Neuse