

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

## Ken Burns Civil War Video Viewing Guide

*This video series puts together still images, letters and diary entries (all three, primary sources) and commentary from historians to tell the story of the Civil War. In the section we will be watching, the video uncovers some of the growing tensions within the United States. The purpose of the viewing guide is to assist you in gathering as much information as possible about the events that led to the Civil War and to bring to light the concepts we have been and will be studying. Take the time during the video to take notes, answer questions and fill in blanks.*

### 1. Wilmer McClane's farm

First major battle of the war was called \_\_\_\_\_ or Manassas.

A shell exploded in McClane's summer \_\_\_\_\_.

He moved his family to Appomatox \_\_\_\_\_ where Lee surrendered to Grant.

"The war began in my \_\_\_\_\_ and ended in my \_\_\_\_\_."

### 2. The Civil War was fought in \_\_\_\_\_ thousand places.

More than \_\_\_\_\_ million Americans fought.

\_\_\_\_\_ hundred thousand died which was \_\_\_\_\_ % of the population.

In two days at Shiloh more men fell than in all \_\_\_\_\_ combined.

At Cold Harbor more than \_\_\_\_\_ thousand men fell in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

### 3. What began as a bitter dispute over union and \_\_\_\_\_' rights ended as a struggle over the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ in America.

Shelby Foote

"Any understanding of this nation has to be based on an understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ . It defined us.

It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of our being."

### 4. In 1861, most of the nations people lived peaceably on \_\_\_\_\_ and in small \_\_\_\_\_.

*All Night Forever*

5. Name some of the diseases/conditions listed that slaves had due to their living conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fewer than \_\_\_\_\_ out of 100 [slaves] lived to be 60.

Thomas Jefferson quote:

"Maintaining slavery was like holding a \_\_\_\_\_ by the ears. You didn't like it, but you didn't dare \_\_\_\_\_ ."

How did Eli Whitney's cotton gin help spread slavery?

One out of every \_\_\_\_\_ Americans were slaves. \_\_\_\_\_ million

*Are We Free*

The Ohio River separates several free states from several slave states. How are the northern banks of the river described?

And the southern banks?

*A House Divided*

Uncle Tom's Cabin – Within a year \_\_\_\_\_ million copies were sold.

In 1854 Congress allowed settlers in the Kansas and Nebraska territories to decide for themselves whether or not to permit \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ pro-slavery men rushed in. \_\_\_\_\_ men died in 3 months.

In 1857 the Supreme Court refused to free a slave \_\_\_\_\_ even though he lived for years on free soil.

What did Preston Brooks do to Charles Sumner?

### *The Meteor*

How does the video describe John Brown?

What happened in the Pottowatamie Massacre?

Harper's Ferry Raid. What did Brown think the slaves in the area would do?

### *Secessionitis*

In the 1860 election Lincoln won with only \_\_\_\_ % of the vote.

Lincoln did not even appear on the ballot in 10 \_\_\_\_\_ states.

According to one of the historians, the South was fighting for self \_\_\_\_\_ .

When Lincoln was elected, there were \_\_\_\_\_ states in the union and a \_\_\_\_\_ th, free \_\_\_\_\_ was about to join. By the time of his inauguration five months later, just \_\_\_\_\_ states would remain.