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| THE Northern and Southern drafts & Life during the civil war |
| The Union and Confederacy |

*Introduction: The Drafts were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Directions: As you Read think about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then answer the questions that follow.

Northern and Southern Drafts

(3 March 1863 – 9 May 1865)

**The Northern and Southern drafts**

**were roughly similar, but had minor**

**differences. Although the drafts themselves**

**had differences, the people did not. Most to**

**all of the people that felt the war was**

**unnecessary were people from both sides**

**who did not want to fight, instead to just**

**pass laws to prevent both slavery and violence.**

**At first, the Northern establishment, or the union, threatened to create drafts to hopefully get people to enlist. This worked, however it was not enough, forcing the government to make drafts to protect itself from the south.  The South, or the Confederacy, did not wait for enlistments. There were not enough men and shortly after the war began created drafts. These drafts began from the ages of 18 to 35 for three years of service. It was later expanded into the age group of 17 to 50, due to the lack of men that were being drafted.**

**The draft was a needed source to be able to fight in the war, as well as a way for the government to arm the country against itself and foreign threats. The draft also helped illegals who travelled here become citizens by fighting for the government and gaining citizenship if they survived.**

**According to the History channel, “Through the substitution draft system, it caused major disputes where in New York, led to bloody draft riots. This was because the city’s folks were outraged that the opportunity to get out of the draft was only given to the wealthiest of Americans.” This type of pass for wealthy people was not fair to the farmers, factory workers, or the lower class of Americans. The Draft riots were not planned; it was just the people telling the government that they refuse to fight over something unwillingly.**

**However, all married men were to be chosen after all the unmarried and illegals were drafted. This made so comfort for the people, but it wouldn’t last long as the people soon became victims of the cruel war. Although the drafts were successful to engage men into war, it was a terrible thing for the popularity of the government. War doesn’t wait so the country had to defend itself. The means of survival would wait for no man, and the government was willing to sacrifice thousands of people to make sure there was a future for the United States of America.**

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| Questions to Think About |  |

**1.**Why Did the Union threaten to introduce the Draft?

**2.** Why did the North and South fight?

**3.**What age did males have to be to enlist? To be Drafted?

**4.** Who won? Was it smart to fight men over these disputes?