**THE CIVIL WAR** by Ken Burns – **Video Guide Questions**

**EPISODE ONE - PROLOGUE**

1. In what year did the Civil War begin?
2. What percentage of the U.S. population died in the war?
3. At Cold Harbor, \_\_\_\_\_ men fell in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
4. In what state was the ***1st major battle*** fought?
5. In what year did the Civil war end?
6. In what year did the last veteran of the Civil War die?

1861 THE CAUSE / ALL NIGHT FOREVER

1. What percentage of slaves lived to be 60 years old?
2. What was Eli Whitney’s important invention?
3. How many pounds of cotton could be processed in one day with a gin?
4. By 1860, one out of \_\_\_ Americans belonged to another American (as slaves).
5. William Lloyd Garrison published an anti-slavery newspaper called “The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.
6. What was Harriet Tubman called?

# **A HOUSE DIVIDED**

1. Who was Mary Todd?
2. In what year did Congress pass an act that allowed Kansas & Nebraska to decide for themselves whether or not to permit slavery?
3. Who said, “A house divided against itself cannot stand”?

# **THE METEOR**

1. Who led the raid on Harper’s Ferry armory & engine house, Sunday Oct. 16 1859?
2. What happened to John Brown on Dec. 2, 1859?

**SECESSIONITIS**

1. Abraham Lincoln won the election of 1860 with \_\_\_\_\_% of the vote.
2. What was the 1st state to secede from the Union?
3. What fort was attacked by rebels, sparking war with the North?
4. Who was elected president of the Confederacy?

**4:30 a.m. April 12, 1861**

1. How many casualties were suffered in the shelling of Ft. Sumpter?

# **TRAITORS & PATRIOTS**

1. Who was the 22-yr. old graduate of West Point who graduated at the bottom of his class?
2. Where was the Capital of the Confederacy?
3. In 1861, what was the population in the North? \_\_\_\_\_ In the South? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was Lincoln’s 1st choice to lead the Union Army?
5. How long did most people think the war would last?

# **GUN MEN**

1. Who did Lincoln appoint to be in charge of the Union Army?
2. What border-state city was occupied by the Union Army to keep it from seceding?

# **MANASSAS**

1. Where & when was the 1st major battle fought?
2. What was General Thomas Jackson’s nickname?
3. Who won the battle of Manassas (Bull Run)?

# **A THOUSAND MILE FRONT**

1. Who took over command of the Union Army (Army of the Potomac)?
2. What did the newspapers call McClellan?
3. Explain the 3-pronged strategy of Lincoln & McClellan (the “Anaconda Plan”).

1.) Drive into \_\_\_\_\_ & take \_\_\_\_\_. 2.) Secure \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ & push into the south.

3.) Have the Navy clear the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River & surround the Confederacy by sea, choking off

its supplies.

1. What Union General was considered to be insane because he predicted that heavy casualties would be necessary?