

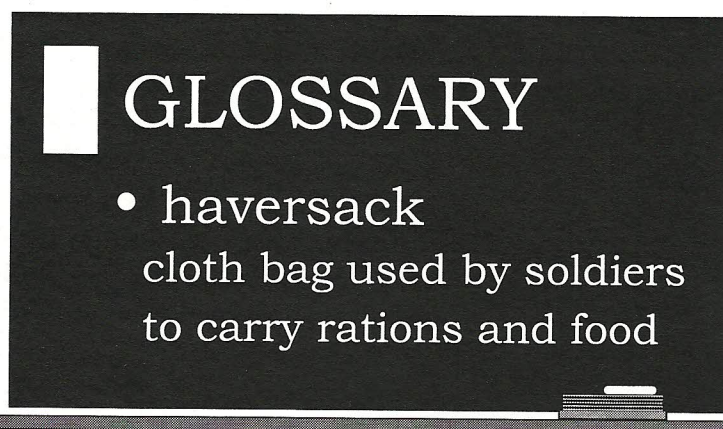
CIVIL WAR GLOSSARY - 1

Instructions Place selections from this list on the board every day or so and have your students copy them down to form their own glossary. (See Daily Directions given for each cycle.) Tell them you will test them periodically to see if they have learned the words and that you will give them extra credit if they use the words in their journals. (They must highlight these words to get credit.)

1. **Abolitionist** A person who believed in the abolishment or abolition of Negro slavery.
2. **Artillery** Large, powerful weapons such as cannon and mortars.
3. **Assassination** The murder of a prominent person such as President Lincoln.
4. **Battery** A unit of four or six cannons, or a fortified position on which they are placed.
5. **Battle** Large-scale combat between two armed forces (skirmishes and engagements are smaller scaled and briefer).
6. **Blockade** The closing off, using naval forces, of a city or other area to traffic and communication.
7. **Border state** Slave-owning states that did not secede from the Union: Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri.
8. **Cartridge box** A leather box in which the soldier carried his rounds or bullets.
9. **Casualty** A person killed, wounded, captured, or missing during the war.
10. **Cavalry** Soldiers mounted on horseback fighting as a unit.
11. **Chloroform** The liquid drug used to anesthetize (put to sleep) wounded soldiers in the war.
12. **Confederacy or CSA** The alliance of 11 Southern states to form the Confederate States of America.
13. **Contraband** Goods illegally traded during wartime. Slaves were sometimes called contraband during the war.
14. **Copperhead** A Northern Democrat who agreed with Southern secession and clamored for peace during the war.
15. **Deploy** To spread out armies to create a battle line.
16. **Desertion** To leave one's military post, or to run away from battle, often punishable by death.
17. **Dixie** Slang term for the Confederacy, also a popular Southern song.
18. **Draft or conscription** The selection of citizens for mandatory military service.
19. **Drill** The process of instructing recruits how to march and practice the military arts as a unit.
20. **Dysentery** An often fatal disease of the human intestines, usually caused by unsanitary conditions of military camps and battle sites.
21. **Envelopment** An attack against the flanks of an enemy's army, in hopes of eventually encircling it.

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22. **Emancipation** The formal release of slaves from bondage, as it happened in January 1863.
23. **Flanks** The sides of an army's line in battle. A flanking movement is attacking the sides.
24. **Forage** The search for food by soldiers often at the expense of farmers in a battle area.
25. **Greenback** Paper money used during the Civil War in the North.
26. **Hardtack** A quarter-inch or half-inch thick hard cracker eaten by Civil War soldiers. Also known as biscuits, crackers, and army bread.
27. **Haversack** Cloth bag used by soldiers to carry rations and food.



28. **Infantry** Foot soldiers marching and fighting together. The vast majority of Civil War soldiers were infantry.
29. **Ironclad** A ship covered with iron plates and used in the Civil War, as in the famous *Merrimac vs. Monitor* first-ever naval battle between ironclads in 1862. The ironclad ships revolutionized naval warfare.
30. **Main attack** The big, concentrated attack against the enemy's weak or critical point.
31. **Minie ball** The standard rifle bullet used in the war. From France, it made the rifle more accurate and led to staggering casualties.
32. **Picket** One or more soldiers responsible for guard duty, always watchful for enemy approach.
33. **Rank** Military leadership in order of importance and decision-making responsibilities usually prioritized from the Commander-in-Chief (president), General of the Army, Lt. General, Major General, Brigadier General, Colonel, Major, Captain, Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal, Private.
34. **Rations** Military term for food.
35. **Rebel or Confederate, Butternut, Grayback, Johnny Reb or Reb** A slang term for a soldier fighting for the South.
36. **Recruit** A soldier who has just signed up to be a soldier and is without battle experience.

