

Historical Crisis Committee

Background Guide

American Civil War (1861-65)

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**"Slavery is theft—theft of a life,
theft of work,
theft of any property or produce,
theft even of the children a slave might have
borne."**

- Kevin Bales

About Your Chairs

Dhruv Balakrishnan:

Dhruv (9B) has been MUNing since 7th grade. In his 1st MUN (JMUN 2024) he won the Outstanding Delegate award. Since then, he's been to 3 other MUNs including GMUN (24 & 25) and JMUN (25). In GMUN 2025 he got a verbal mention.

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Sarrvad (9C) has been MUNing since 7th grade. Since then, he has gone for 7 MUN's including GMUN(24 & 25) and TCIS MUN, GEAR MUN and TFS MUN in the past two years. He has also won Honourable Mention and Verbal Mention.

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Priyanshi (8C) began her MUN journey with TFS MUN, an experience that really helped her grow as a speaker and a leader. She carries a proficient academic background and is quite well-known for her refined writing skills and prudent intellect.

Overview

The American Civil War, from 1861 to 1865, was one of the most demonic conflicts in United States history, reshaping the country's geopolitical, social, and economic structure. It was a struggle against the long-lasting institution of slavery in the United States. Southern States, who wanted to preserve slavery broke away from the USA and formed the Confederate States of America. The American Civil War was fought between these breakaway states and the Northern States who were looking to abolish slavery. The American Civil War is not just a historical episode, it reflected a growing desire to challenge existing exploitative norms and the quest to secure equal rights for all. Although it happened more than 150 years ago, its lasting impression on American Society and Democracy continues to inspire many.

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American Society Before the Civil War

