



A Country Divided Guide

When the Civil War broke out, 20 states remained with the Union, and 11 states seceded from the U.S. to form the Confederate States of America. Four states, known as “border states”, remained loyal to the Union despite being slave states. In this activity, students will create a map of the states to understand what the divided country looked like at the time of the Civil War.

Materials/Preparation

- Print copies of the map
- Gather coloring materials for students (red and blue)

Union states will be colored blue.

Maine	Rhode Island	Ohio	Minnesota
New York	Pennsylvania	Indiana	California
New Hampshire	Iowa	Illinois	
Vermont	Oregon	Michigan	
Massachusetts	Nevada (1864)	Kansas	
Connecticut	New Jersey	Wisconsin	

Confederate states will be colored red.

South Carolina	Texas
Mississippi	Virginia
Florida	Arkansas
Alabama	North Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Louisiana	

Border states will be striped, blue and red.

Kentucky
Missouri
Maryland
Delaware
West Virginia (which left Virginia and became its own state in 1863)



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11 states seceded from the U.S. to form the Confederate States of America. Color the Confederate states **red**.

5 states, known as “border states”, remained loyal to the Union despite being slave states. Color the border states **striped, red and blue**.

