

What should we call the American Civil War?

Task 1

- The “American Civil War” goes by many other names.
- Organise the following names under three headings like this:

Names probably used by the Unionists	Names which do not make one side sound any better or worse than the other	Names probably used by the Confederates

The Brothers' War | Mr. Lincoln's War | The Yankee Invasion | The Confederate War | The Great Rebellion | The War of Secession | The War for the Union | The War for Abolition | The Southern Rebellion | The War for Separation | The War of the Sixties | The War of the Rebellion | The War Against Slavery | The War for Nationality | The War for States' Rights | The War for Southern Rights | The War for Southern Freedom | The War of the North and South | The Second American Revolution | The Second War for Independence | The Civil War Between the States | The War for Southern Nationality | The War of the Southern Planters | The War for Southern Independence | The War for Constitutional Liberty | The War Against Northern Aggression | The War to Suppress Yankee Arrogance

Task 2

Compare your answers with a partner, then with the class. Discuss in particular any names whose placing in the table you disagreed about.

Task 3

From your studies so far, which ONE name do you think is the most appropriate alternative to “The American Civil War”? Explain your choice then take a class vote.