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## Which Side of History? A 10th Grade Civil War Analysis Quiz

Learners apply critical thinking to 10 nuanced questions covering wartime technology, political precedents, and the complex shifting of rights during Reconstruction.

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**1. The use of the 'Ironclad' changed naval warfare forever. Which two vessels engaged in the first battle between these metal-armored ships at the Battle of Hampton Roads?**

- A. The CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor
- B. The HMS Warrior and the USS Constitution
- C. The USS Kearsarge and the CSS Alabama
- D. The USS Cairo and the CSS Tennessee

**2. General Winfield Scott's strategic plan to 'squeeze' the Confederacy by blockading ports and controlling the Mississippi River was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Plan.**

- A. Constrictor
- B. Anaconda
- C. Cotton-Gin
- D. Containment

**3. The 15th Amendment explicitly prohibited states from using literacy tests or poll taxes to prevent citizens from voting.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. Who was the first African American to serve in the United States Senate, representing Mississippi during the Reconstruction era?**

- A. Robert Smalls
- B. Frederick Douglass
- C. Hiram Revels
- D. Blanche K. Bruce

**5. During the war, Northern Democrats who opposed the conflict and advocated for an immediate peace settlement with the South were disparagingly called \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Carpetbaggers
- B. Copperheads
- C. Scalawags
- D. Mugwumps

**6. In the case of Ex parte Merryman (1861), Chief Justice Roger Taney challenged President Lincoln's authority regarding which constitutional protection?**

- A. Freedom of the Press

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- B. The Right to Bear Arms
- C. The Writ of Habeas Corpus
- D. Protection against Unreasonable Search

**7. The 'Crittenden Compromise' was a successful last-minute legislative deal that prevented the secession of South Carolina in 1860.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. Which agricultural system rose to prominence during Reconstruction, often trapping formerly enslaved people in a cycle of debt and poverty?**

- A. The Enclosure System
- B. Sharecropping
- C. Collectivized Farming
- D. Subsistence Homesteading

**9. The 1862 \_\_\_\_\_ Act provided 160 acres of public land to any citizen who would settle and farm it for five years, accelerating Western expansion during the Civil War.**

- A. Dawes
- B. Morrill
- C. Homestead
- D. Northwest

**10. The Wade-Davis Bill of 1864 proposed a much more lenient path for Confederate states to rejoin the Union compared to President Lincoln's 'Ten Percent Plan.'**

- A. True
- B. False