



Robert E. Lee

SOL 9d

Lincoln and Lee were men who represented views of the nature of the United States that were very different, leading to an unavoidable conflict.

Roles of Civil War Leaders:

- **Abraham Lincoln**

- Was **President** of the United States
- **Opposed** the spread of **slavery**
- Issued the **Emancipation Proclamation**
- Determined to **preserve** the **Union** force if necessary
- Believed the United States was **one** nation, not a collection of independent **states**.
- Wrote the **Gettysburg Address** that said the Civil War was to preserve a government “**of the people, by the people, and for the people**”

- **Jefferson Davis**

- Was **president** of the Confederate States of America

- **Ulysses S. Grant**

- Was **General** of the **Union** army that defeated Lee

- **Robert E. Lee**

- Was **leader** of the Army of **Northern Virginia**
- Was offered command of the **Union** forces at the **beginning** of the war but chose not to fight against his home state of **Virginia**.
- **Opposed** secession, but did **not** believe the union should be held together by **force**.
- Urged Southerners to **accept** defeat at the end of the war and **reunite** as **Americans** when some wanted to fight on

- **Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson**

- Was a skilled **Confederate** general from Virginia

- **Frederick Douglass**

- Was a former **slave** who escaped to the **North** and became an **Abolitionist**.