



Michigan & the American Civil War Quiz

Take this quiz about Michigan's contributions to the Civil War effort. But don't stop here. Watch "**The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years**" to find out more about Michigan's significant role in the Civil War.

1. Why was President Abraham Lincoln reported to have said, "Thank God for Michigan"?
2. Was George Armstrong Custer a Michiganiaian?
3. How many Michigan soldiers paid the ultimate sacrifice in the American Civil War?
4. What role did Flint resident Sarah Edmonds play in the Civil War?
5. What was Michigan Senator Jacob Howard's contribution to the U.S. Constitution?
6. Where was Abraham Lincoln when he got an idea that he later patented. (The only U.S. president with a patent.)
7. Michigan's only Black Regiment, the 102nd, hailed from what Michigan city?
8. How did a 16-year old kid from Michigan earn the Medal of Honor?
9. What Michigan city did Sojourner Truth call home?
10. What soft drink would not have been invented without the Civil War?

Answers

1. As young as Michigan was at the time (only 24), it was the first state to respond to President Lincoln's call for support of the Union Army's efforts. Ultimately it sent 90,000 troops, horses, and a myriad of resources and supplies.
2. Yes. He hailed from Monroe, Michigan.
3. 14,753 Michigan soldiers did not come home from the Civil War.
4. Sarah Edmonds dressed as a man to enlist in the Union Army and fight in the Civil War.

5. He penned and was instrumental in the passage of the 13th (Abolition of Slavery), 14th (Equal Protection), and 15th (Voting Rights & Citizenship for African American men) Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
6. When the barge he was traveling on got caught on a sandbar in the Detroit River, President Lincoln hit on an idea for freeing the barge. He later patented the idea.
7. Detroit
8. In June of 1862 George D. Sidman was a 16-year-old drummer boy with the 16th Michigan Infantry, Company C. In the midst of an assault at Gaines Mills, Virginia, Sidman volunteered to carry the regimental flag and rallied his comrades in the face of grave danger until he was wounded in the hip. For his distinguished bravery, Sidman was awarded the Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor is on display in the Michigan Historical Center. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.
9. Battle Creek
10. Vernors Ginger Ale. James Vernor, at 19, began experimenting with a ginger ale recipe. He put his plans on hold and enlisted as a Union soldier with the 4th Michigan Cavalry. Before leaving for war, James placed his ginger ale extract into an oak cask. At the end of the war, he returned home, opened a drug store in Detroit, and that old oak cask. To his surprise, the four years of aging blended his secret ingredients to perfection. Vernors is reportedly the nation's oldest soft drink.
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