



Content Study Guide: Chapter 17 Section 1: The Conflict Takes Shape

Directions: Answer the questions as you read about the strengths and weaknesses of the North and the South on pages 448-452.

Answer in complete sentences unless it states to list.

Level One: Right There Questions: The answers to these questions are stated directly in the text.

1. What did each side believe they were fighting for at the start of the war?

2. What were the four border states? Which side did they support?

3. What were three strengths of the South?

4. What were three weaknesses of the South?

5. What were four strengths of the North?

6. What were some of the challenges faced by the North?

7. Compare Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln.

Level Two: Putting it together: The answers to these questions are not stated directly in the text. The text gives you some clues, but you'll need your own ideas too.

8. Why did Jefferson Davis say that the Confederacy just wanted to be left alone?

Level Three: On Your Own: Draw from own beliefs and experiences to answer this question.

9. Which side do you think was in a better position at the start of the war? Explain why.
