**Causes of the Civil War**

Use the information from the PowerPoint to identify each cause of the Civil War and take notes on other important information. Don't write all of the information. Instead, look for key words and paraphrase. Use bullets to separate and organize your notes and write in phrases when possible. Summarize whenever possible...that means you understand the information.

**Cause #1: Sectionalism**

Definition: loyalty to your state or section first and your country second

Example: South felt allegiance to their state first - such as sitting with your team at a sporting event or hanging out with people of like interests

**Cause #2: Slavery**

Contrast the economies of the north and south:
- North -- industrial
- South -- agricultural

Why might the south feel slavery was a "necessary evil"?
- They couldn't afford to pay the people needed to pick cotton every day
- Slavery was a moral issue, but how was it also a political issue?
- The country was divided on the issue and laws were made to try and keep things equal [Power in Congress]

**Cause #3: State's rights**

Definition:
- The state has the right to determine whether or not it will follow a Federal law

Contrast Northern and Southern views on states right (Summarize):
- Northerners felt that the Federal government should have final power
- South felt states should have more power
Cause #4: Taxes

What is a protective tariff?
A tax on foreign goods

Why did the South resent the tariff?

The South resented the tax because it helped the North and hurt them

What was the final straw for the South?

Lincoln’s Election

Why was the South so upset when Lincoln was elected president? They did not think Lincoln would respect the rights of the South. He might abolish slavery.

Definition: (What did it mean to secede?)

To leave

What did Texas do?

seceded

Where did the first attack of the Civil War take place?
Ft. Sumter