

## Challenge Yourself, Round 8

During this down time occasioned by the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus, we want to keep our members in touch with the Civil War with a bi-weekly round of questions and ponderables. Some will be easy, some will not. This is not a formal quiz, but a way to keep your ACW expertise sharp. No response is needed; however, if you do want to comment, send them via email to Emil at [emilposey@ardmore.net](mailto:emilposey@ardmore.net), and he will post with the next "Challenge Yourself," which will also contain the "school solution" to this set of questions.

1. In 1860, how much of the Nation's manufacturing output resided in the Northern States?
  - a. 50%
  - b. 60%
  - c. 75%
  - d. 90%
2. In the 1860's, the South had a total of 96 foundries and 82 rolling mills, only 11 of which were of sufficient size to meet production needs. How many Northern states did it take to surpass this output?
  - a. 1
  - b. 6
  - c. 12
  - d. 18

BONUS: Name them.

3. At the onset of the Civil War, the South had only one working cannon foundry. Where was it located?
  - a. Montgomery, Al
  - b. Clarkesville, TN
  - c. Richmond, Va
  - d. Atlanta. GA
4. How many ships were there in active service in the Union Navy when President Lincoln declared a blockade against the Confederacy?
  - a. 27
  - b. 51
  - c. 208
  - d. 418
5. Name the major deficiencies in the Confederate rail network. (Name all that apply)
  - a. Miles of track

- b. Gauge of the tracks
- c. Route structures
- d. Qualified Engineers

6. How did the Union finance the Civil War? (Name all that apply)
- a. Impressment
  - b. War Bonds
  - c. Selling Federal Lands
  - d. Institution of an Income Tax

BONUS: Which was the primary source of their revenue?

BONUS #2: Early in the war, what was the Confederacy's main source of revenue?

7. What was another name for the Fractional currency introduced by the United States federal government following the outbreak of the Civil War.
- a. Stamps
  - b. Half-cents
  - c. Specie
  - d. Shinplasters
8. Who is credited with originating the phrase "Cotton is King!"?
- a. Henry Clay
  - b. J.D.B. DeBow
  - c. Christopher Memminger
  - d. Francis E. Spinner

BONUS: What was the name of the Magazine he published advocating his ideas?

9. What was the name of the plan to Blockade the Confederacy to force its surrender?
- a. The Blockade
  - b. Welles' Folly
  - c. The Riverine Suplex
  - d. The Anaconda Plan

BONUS: Who formulated that original plan?

10. How many miles of Coastline had to be covered by the Union Blockade?
- a. 5280
  - b. 1500
  - c. 8950
  - d. 3500

11. Who was the Confederacy's most successful Blockade runner?

- a. Samuel Sturgis
- b. Rhett Butler
- c. George Trenholm
- d. Raphael Semmes

BONUS: Name the official position he held in the Confederate government.

12. What do economists call the phenomenon whereby import quotas lead to a higher quality of imports?

- a. The Blockade Effect
- b. Profit
- c. Import Tax
- d. The Rhett Butler Effect

Answers to Round 7 Questions:

1. b

Bonus: Eastern

2. c

Bonus: Violation of Maj General Ambrose E. Burnside's, Commander of the Department of the Ohio, General Order No. 38 (April 13, 1863), which made it illegal to criticize the war with the Department.

3. a Vicksburg, Gibraltar of the Confederacy

b Ft. Monroe, Gibraltar of the Chesapeake Bay

c Ft. Fisher, Gibraltar of the South; and,

d Columbus, Gibraltar of the West

4. a

Bonus: Colonel Włodzimierz Bonawentura Krzyżanowski

5. True [Ref: The 1969 Moon Landing Started with the Astronomical Curiosity of a Union General, Norm Dasinger, Jr., June 26, 2020, [blueandgrayeducation.org](http://blueandgrayeducation.org)]

6. b, c, and e

7. a and c

Ponderable: Arguably, yes, in two respects. First, the Mississippi River was one of the most strategic terrain features of the war. Possession of it would provide enormous strategic benefit and its loss a concomitant strategic blow. Second, and flowing from the first, for purposes of unity of command. Such a strategic feature would be (and was) the focal point of major operations to control it and, thus, should not be the demarcation line between major commands, as it was for both sides.

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