

Writing Activity: Justification of War

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Directions: Write a short essay **analyzing** at least three causes that led the North and South to war. Use the following chart to record three or four details or quotations from the selections in Cluster One, the opening essay, and the timeline. Then write a sentence that explains how the detail or quotation was a cause of, or justification for, the Civil War.

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Use the strongest examples from your notes in your essay.

Remember, **a strong analysis**

- states the purpose for the analysis
- demonstrates careful examination of each part of the topic
- supports each point with evidence
- organizes information clearly
- ends with a summary of the ideas presented