

Comparing and Contrasting the North and the South

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When **comparing** you seek similarities between objects, events, or ideas. When **contrasting** you seek differences between them.

You use comparison and contrast when you

- compare and contrast movies before you decide which one to see
- compare and contrast the lifestyle of a friend's family with your own
- compare the book to the movie based on the book

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Cluster Question: 1863: A Turning Point?

Directions: Some people have called the Civil War “The Brothers’ War” because the two sides had much in common. But, like brothers, the North and South also had crucial differences—differences that led them to war. These differences ultimately determined the outcome of the war as well.

Using the chart on the following slide, list the similarities and differences between the two sides. You may want to refer to the selections in Cluster One as well as the essay “The Civil War” on pages 9–15. Once you have completed the chart, summarize your findings by answering the two questions that follow.

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The South	Factors	The North
	Reasons for fighting	
	Type of economy	
	Size of territory	
	Did the army have enough food?	
	Did soldiers have proper clothing?	

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The South	Factors	The North
Honor; maintain way of life; need slaves to make plantation farming profitable; fend off Northern aggression	Reasons for fighting	Honor; maintain the sovereignty of the Union; need the South to supply goods that could not be grown in the North (tobacco, cotton, indigo); fend off Southern aggression
Plantation farming; very little industry	Type of economy	Mainly industry, though it was well supplied with food from farms in the Midwest

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The South	Factors	The North
Only 11 states, with little room for expansion in the Southwest	Size of territory	The North had much more room for expansion in the West.
No, Southern soldiers were often close to starvation, like Craig in "The Pickets."	Did the army have enough food?	Yes, although much of it was stale when it reached the men.

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The South	Factors	The North
No, they had to make their own clothes, and often stole from dead Union soldiers because their uniforms were tattered and torn.	Did soldiers have proper clothing?	Yes, they were well supplied by the Union army.

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Directions: Once you have completed the chart, summarize your findings by answering the two questions that follow.

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How were the North and South different?

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How were the North and South similar?

They were both fighting to maintain their honor. They strongly believed in their cause.

How were the North and South different?

Their economies were very different. Most industry was located in the North, so the Northern army had better access to supplies. The South had an agrarian society and fewer states. This resulted in fewer supplies for the Confederate army. Many soldiers went without food and clothes.