In order of appearance in *Preparing for the Oath*, the Civics Test items covered in this theme are:

72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
   - War of 1812
   - Mexican-American War
   - Civil War
   - Spanish-American War

60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
   - Africans
   - people from Africa

71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
   - the Louisiana Territory
   - Louisiana

74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
   - slavery
   - economic reasons
   - states’ rights

73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
   - the Civil War
   - the War between the States

75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
   - freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)
   - saved (or preserved) the Union
   - led the United States during the Civil War

76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
   - freed the slaves
   - freed slaves in the Confederacy
   - freed slaves in the Confederate states
   - freed slaves in most Southern states

77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
   - fought for women’s rights
   - fought for civil rights
Overview
This Teacher Guide will take you through the Civics Test questions covered in the theme, *The 1800s*. The instructional steps provided here target ESL students at the high beginning level. Watch the video on the Help screen and take some time to familiarize yourself with the elements and navigation of *Preparing for the Oath* so that you are comfortable presenting it to your class.

Introduction
To start the lesson, open the theme and present the Introduction Screen. Read the introductory paragraph aloud and discuss it with the students.

In the 1800s, the United States grew and changed. It grew larger, reaching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. *Slavery* was one of the biggest problems. Because of disagreements over slavery, the nation divided in two. The North and South fought the Civil War. The North won. Slavery ended.

Explore the Questions
These steps will help you guide your class through the theme, using an LCD projector:

1. Distribute the handout *Key Vocabulary—The 1800s* and review the definitions with the students.
2. Click on the Start button to begin the first video, *Wars in the 1800s*.
3. Play the video for the class with the captions on or off.
4. Pause the video where appropriate to discuss the vocabulary and images with the class.
5. Play the video again without pausing.
6. If there is a Practice activity available for this question, click on the “Practice” tab.
7. View and discuss the Practice activity.
8. Click on the “Try” tab.
9. Listen to the Civics Test item and have the students select the answer. Click on the “hear question” button to listen to the item repeatedly. After choosing the correct option, students can hear the answer aloud while they read along at the bottom of the screen.
10. Go through the rest of the videos in this theme, using the steps above.
11. Once the class has gone through all of the videos in this theme, wrap up this lesson with the handout, *How Well Do You Know the 1800s?*, or assign it to the students for homework.
Key Vocabulary—The 1800s

amendment: a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution

citizen: a person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protection of that country

double: to increase in size by two

enslaved: to force a person to become a slave

expand: to grow or become larger

free: to be set free; to be allowed to live without control from others

illegal: not allowed by the law

independent: free; not controlled by another person or country

right: something you are morally or legally allowed to do

separate: to keep something or someone apart

settler: a person who moves to a new country or region where few people have been before

slaves: people that are owned by other people and are forced to work without pay

slavery: the practice of owning slaves

speech: an expression of ideas and opinions that is made by someone who is speaking in front of a group of people

treat: to behave towards someone in a particular way
How Well Do You Know the 1800s?

Read the answers below. Write the Civics Test question for each answer.

Example: Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s?

Answer: The War of 1812.

1. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: The Louisiana Territory.

2. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: People from Africa.

3. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: She fought for women’s rights.

4. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: He led the United States during the Civil War.

5. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: Slavery.

6. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: It freed the slaves.

7. ____________________________________________________________________________?

   Answer: The Civil War was the U.S. war between the North and the South.

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