**The American Civil War (Advantages and Disadvantages)**

# The North

Economy: manufactured goods and very diverse agriculture.

Transportation: many canals, steamboats and ships, railroads, good roads.

Population: 71%

Firearms: 97%

Manufacturing: 92%

RR Tracks: 71%

Strengths - larger population, much more manufacturing, better banking, better transportation, and they had a Navy.

Weaknesses - lack of support for the war, they had to fight an offensive war in hostile territory on unfamiliar land, and poor generals at the beginning of the war.

# The South

Economy: Cotton, few factories

Transportation: Natural waterways and flatboats (barges). Some railroads, ships and steamboats.

Population: 29% (9% enslaved)

Firearms: 3%

Manufacturing: 8%

RR Tracks: 29%

Strengths - support for the war, fought a defensive war, fighting on familiar ground, better military leaders (generals).

Weaknesses - small population, few factories, poor transportation, less diverse agriculture, no Navy, and the states were unsupportive of the government.