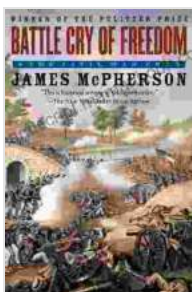# The Oxford History of the United States: The Civil War Era

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The Causes of the Civil War

The Civil War was caused by a complex set of factors, including slavery, states' rights, and economic differences between the North and South. Slavery was the most important factor, as it divided the country along sectional lines. The North was largely industrial and opposed slavery, while the South was largely agricultural and dependent on slave labor. States' rights was another major issue, as the South feared that the federal government was becoming too powerful and encroaching on their rights.

In 1860, the election of Abraham Lincoln, who was opposed to the expansion of slavery, led to the secession of seven Southern states. The Confederacy was formed, and the Civil War began in 1861.

The Course of the War

The Civil War was one of the most bloody and destructive conflicts in American history. The Union Army eventually defeated the Confederacy in 1865, but the war took a heavy toll on both sides. Over 600,000 soldiers were killed, and the war left a legacy of bitterness and division that lasted for generations.

The Civil War was a watershed moment in American history. It marked the end of slavery and the reunification of the country. However, the war also left a deep scar on the nation, and its legacy continues to be debated today.

The Aftermath of the War

The Civil War had a profound impact on the United States. The war led to the abolition of slavery and the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, which granted African Americans citizenship and the right to vote. However, the war also left a legacy of racism and discrimination that lasted for generations.

The Reconstruction era (1865-1877) was a period of great upheaval and change. The federal government attempted to rebuild the South and integrate African Americans into society. However, Reconstruction was met with resistance from white Southerners, and the federal government eventually withdrew its troops from the South. This led to the rise of segregation and the Jim Crow system, which denied African Americans their civil rights.
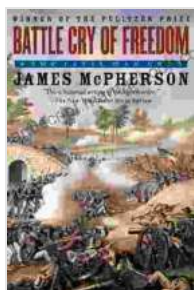
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