



# Family Newsletter for Unit 3

## Conflict and Growth

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the reasons for Florida's secession from the Union, and the effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Florida
- how entrepreneurs and major improvements in railroads helped Florida's economy grow and change

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Read to Learn More About It

*Across Five Aprils*, by Irene Hunt. Jethro Creighton comes to take on more responsibility as his brothers leave to fight in the Civil War.

*Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World*, by Mildred Pitts Walter. Through reading his great-grandfather's journal, Justin learns to take pride in his African American heritage.

*Nettie's Trip South*, by Ann Turner. Nettie takes a trip south and is amazed by her face-to-face confrontation with slaves.

### Talk About It

Chapter 6: The Civil War and Reconstruction

**A nation divided** Today, Americans enjoy many different ways of life across the nation. Discuss how differences of opinion about the southern way of life led to the Civil War.

Chapter 7: The Development of Florida

**Develop and conserve** The creation of the railroad in Florida affected the use and conservation of natural resources, especially by land developers. Talk about conservation and the impact of land development in Florida today.

### Make It

**Interview questions** Work with your child to create interview questions for different leaders of the Civil War era. Suggest such leaders as the abolitionist Grimke sisters, Abraham Lincoln, and General Robert E. Lee. The questions should require each leader to explain his or her point of view regarding slavery.



### Technology

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