**Chapter 15**

**Step 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**THE EARLY YEARS OF THE WAR**

* Why did the North, with all its advantages, fail to achieve a rapid victory over the South?
* Why did the South fail to attract international support for its cause?

**THE HOME FRONT**

* Why did Lincoln decide to issue the Emancipation Proclamation? How did Northerners respond to this decision?
* Why did conditions in the South deteriorate as the war went on? How did problems on the home front undermine the South's war effort?

**UNION VICTORY**

* What was Grant's strategy? How did it turn the tide of the war?
* Is it possible to identify a point at which Union victory become inevitable? Explain your reasoning.

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* Argue for or against following statement. "The root cause of the Civil War was the failure of the architects of the Constitution to resolve the issue of slavery once and for all."
* What changes that occurred during the Civil War might have forecast what a northern victory would mean for the nation?