**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 15—The Crucible of War, 1861–1865**

* **How did the Civil War affect the nation, North and South?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself how the Civil War changed both the northern and southern states. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the war’s effects in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Changes in the North** | **Changes in the South** |
| **1861** |  |  |
| **1862** |  |  |
| **1863** |  |  |
| **1864** |  |  |
| **1865** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **How did the Civil War affect the nation, North and South?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, consider how the experience of the Civil War changed the North and South over time. Think about the similarities and differences between the northern and southern experiences. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*