

The Civil War Divides the Clay Family

Answer Key

1. James Brown Clay
2. James B. Clay, Jr.
3. Thomas Julian Clay
4. Henry Clay III
5. Eugene Erwin
6. Harry Boyle Clay
7. Henry Clay McDowell

Discussion Questions

1. How many of Henry Clay's descendants fought for the Union? The Confederacy?
2. Henry Clay worked so hard to preserve the Union. If he had lived to see the Civil War, which side would he have been on?
3. Many families in Kentucky were divided during the Civil War. Even though Kentucky did not secede from the Union, many people believed that Kentucky was a Southern state. What beliefs and practices made Kentucky similar to the states that joined the Confederacy?
4. Imagine you are one of the two brothers—Thomas Julian “Tommy” Clay or Henry Clay III. What would it be like to meet each other in battle?
5. Victor Hugo, the author of the book, *Les Misérables*, said this: “All wars are civil wars, because all men are brothers.” How is this statement true about the American Civil War?