

“Chicago’s Link to American Civil War” – Questions

Names: _____

Directions: Read “Chicago’s Link to the American Civil War” and then answer the following questions.

1. In what year was Camp Douglas built? _____
2. It existed for _____ years.
3. Camp Douglas was built in what present-day Chicago neighborhood?

4. The Civil War was fought between the _____ states and the _____ states.
5. Which states wanted slavery to continue and spread? _____
6. Which states wanted slavery to end? _____
7. The states in the Confederacy were the _____ states.
8. The states in the Union were the _____ states.
9. At first, Camp Douglas was a place to train _____ soldiers. Then it became a place to house _____ prisoners-of-war.
10. Why was the site on which Camp Douglas was built a bad choice?

11. How were the barracks that housed prisoners built in order to discourage escapes from happening?

12. What was something prisoners did to pass the time of day?

13. What was one punishment for prisoners who failed to follow the rules?

14. What might prisoners do in the evening before lights out?

15. Crowded and unsanitary conditions had what effect on the prisoners?

16. Where is the historical marker that marks the location of what once was Camp Douglas?

17. Think about it? Why is it important to remember something that happened a long time ago?
