

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VOCABULARY FOR THE CIVIL WAR DOCUMENT #2**

**Aggression** – any offensive action or attack

**Decisive** – to be able to make choices quickly and confidently

**Confederate** - a soldier, citizen, or supporter of the Confederacy (The South) during the American Civil War

**Union** - group of northern states that supported the federal government during the American Civil War

**Strategy** – the skill of making or carrying out plans to achieve a goal

**Defensive** – protecting someone or something from attack

**Flanking** – to be located on both sides of (something or someone)

**Overrun** – to enter and be present in (a place) in large numbers

**Invincible** – impossible to defeat or overcome, unbeatable

**Combat** – active fighting especially in a war

**Reinforce** – to strengthen (a group of people) with new supplies or more people

**Casualties** – a person who is hurt or killed during an accident, war, etc.

**Execute** – to do something that you have planned to do or been told to do, carry-out