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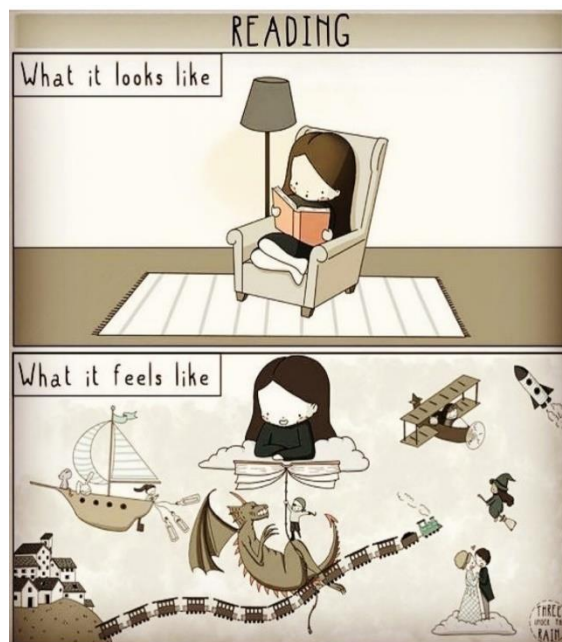
Read the article, then do some reflecting about what you learned. How was Sarah Emma Edmonds brave? Write what you think using the RACE protocol: **R**estate part of the question, **A**nsWER the question, **C**ite text evidence, **E**xplain.

If you want to read more, or get some background information, you can log on to the Scholastic News website at

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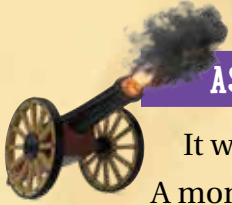
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You can watch videos, learn vocabulary, and read more articles. The latest issue also has articles about the US Census, The Bermuda Triangle, and a Crystal Cave!



SPY IN DISGUISE

During the Civil War, Sarah Emma Edmonds disguised herself as a man to serve as a soldier and a spy.



AS YOU READ

Underline three examples in the story of Sarah Emma Edmonds acting bravely.

It was May 1861.

A month earlier, a battle had broken out in the United States. Americans in the Northern and Southern states had begun fighting each other. It would become known as the Civil War.

Now, the armies on both sides needed soldiers. Men rushed to enlist, or sign up to fight. In Michigan, a young

woman named Sarah Emma Edmonds snuck in line with the men.

Back then, it was against the law for women to serve in the military. So Edmonds disguised herself in men's clothes. She changed her name to Frank Thompson. It worked! Edmonds became a soldier in

the North's Union Army.

A Divided Nation

Edmonds had moved from Canada a few years earlier. She loved America, and now it was splitting apart.

The Civil War began after several Southern states decided to break away from the U.S. They didn't want President

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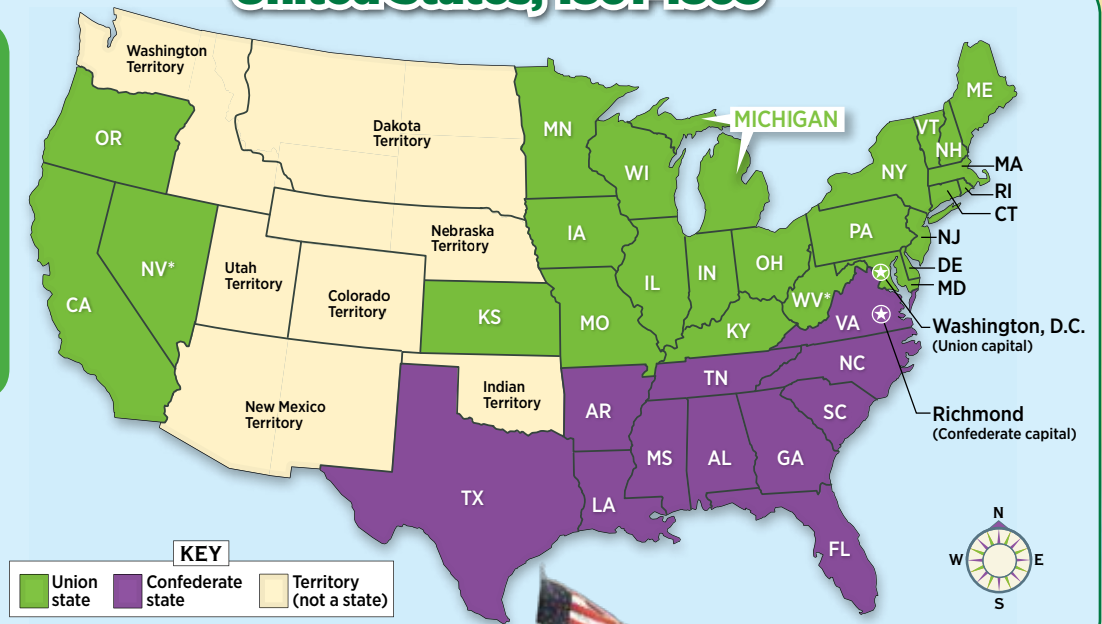
Watch a video
about the
Civil War.

MAP IT OUT

Edmonds was involved in several big battles in Virginia (VA). Was it a Union or a Confederate state?

Today, people act out major battles of the Civil War to teach others about our nation's history.

United States, 1861-1865



Union flag



BEFORE: SARAH

Before the war, Edmonds wore long dresses like most women of her time.

AFTER: "FRANK" When Edmonds enlisted as a soldier, she wore a suit jacket and pants. She also changed her hair slightly.

a spy! Once, she dressed as a baker. She went behind enemy lines to sell cakes. She was able to learn about the enemy's plans. But these spy missions were dangerous. She risked being captured or killed.

A Happy Ending

In 1863, Edmonds caught malaria. It was a serious illness. She knew that if she went to an army hospital, a doctor would examine her.

"She worried she would be discovered," says historian Audrey Scanlan-Teller. "She had to leave the army."

When the war ended in 1865, Edmonds was happy to see the nation reunited. Later, she told her story to the government. It agreed to give her the same payments that male soldiers received.

Scanlan-Teller believes that Edmonds deserved it. "She risked so much to be a soldier," says Scanlan-Teller.

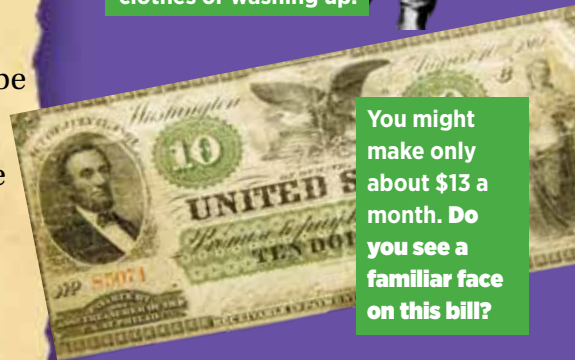
—by Karen Kellaher

IF YOU WERE A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

About 3 million soldiers served in the war, including thousands of kids who lied about their age. Here's what life was like.



You'd go weeks without changing clothes or washing up.



You might make only about \$13 a month. Do you see a familiar face on this bill?

Your food might have bugs. A cracker with bug larvae inside was called a "worm castle"!



You could be away from your family for years. There were no phones or computers, so the only way to keep in touch was letters.

WORDS TO KNOW

reunite: bring together again
captured: caught



Confederate flag



Name: _____

Time to R.A.C.E.



As you read “Spy in Disguise,” think about the question below.
Then use the R.A.C.E. strategy to help you write a response.

Restate the question: Use key words from the question in your first sentence.

Answer all parts: Read the question carefully. Some questions have more than one part.

Cite text evidence: Include evidence from the article that supports your answer.

Explain: End by telling how the evidence supports your ideas.

QUESTION: In what ways was Sarah Emma Edmonds brave? Use three details from the article to support your response.

Restate

Answer

Cite Text
Evidence

Explain