

Teacher's African Americans in the U.S. Civil War

<p>1. What were the most significant changes that African Americans helped achieve during the Civil War?</p>	<p>2. How did African Americans participate in galvanizing those changes? List at least two examples.</p>
<p>This question serves two purposes. One is to have students articulate what they consider significant changes resulting from the American Civil War. The other is to help students start from the understanding that African Americans actively participated in the war efforts.</p> <p>Possible responses: preserving the country as a single union, the end of slavery, etc. Help [delete students] focus the discussion so that students become aware of their existing knowledge about the many roles played by and participation of African Americans in the U.S. Civil War.</p>	<p>If necessary, ask students to think of African Americans about whom they have studied or read.</p> <p>Students may mention that African Americans worked to make these changes as abolitionists, underground railroad members, soldiers, etc.</p> <p>Wrap up the discussion by highlighting the contributions made by black soldiers during the Civil War.</p>

3. No. 7 in Class 1 gathers students' responses to a question, "What roles might African Americans have played in the military after the creation of the Colored Troops in the Union (in addition to being foot soldiers)?" Students may need to be guided to first think about the multiple jobs within today's military and then apply that to the Union military in the mid-1800s. This discussion is to raise students' awareness about the African Americans who served as military doctors and nurses during the U.S. Civil War. If they do not come up with medical roles on their own, provide them with this important function.