

**White
Virginians**

**Enslaved
African
Americans**

**Free
African
Americans**

**American
Indians**

VS.7c Describe roles played by various Virginians during the Civil War

Civil War Roles of Virginians

- Teacher Notes and Directions:
- Copy the template, front to back, onto 8 ½ x 11” white or colored paper so that the title “Civil War Roles of Virginians” is at the top, upside down, and the four groups of people are on the reverse side, at the bottom of the page.
- Students fold the four groups of people over and make a hotdog fold, creasing off center and leaving a tab, so that the title “Civil War Roles of Virginians” can be seen.
- Cut on the dotted lines between the four groups, creating 4 tabs.
- Lift each tab and write answers information about each group underneath. Add drawings for additional meaning if desired.

Answer Key: Taken from the *2008 Curriculum Framework*, page 29

Varied roles of whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians during the Civil War

- **White Virginians** – Most supported the Confederacy.
- **Enslaved African Americans** - The Confederacy relied on this group to raise crops and provide labor for the army. Many fled to the Union army as it approached and some fought for the Union.
- **Free African Americans** - Some felt their limited rights could best be protected by supporting the Confederacy.
- **American Indians** - Most did not take sides during the Civil War.

