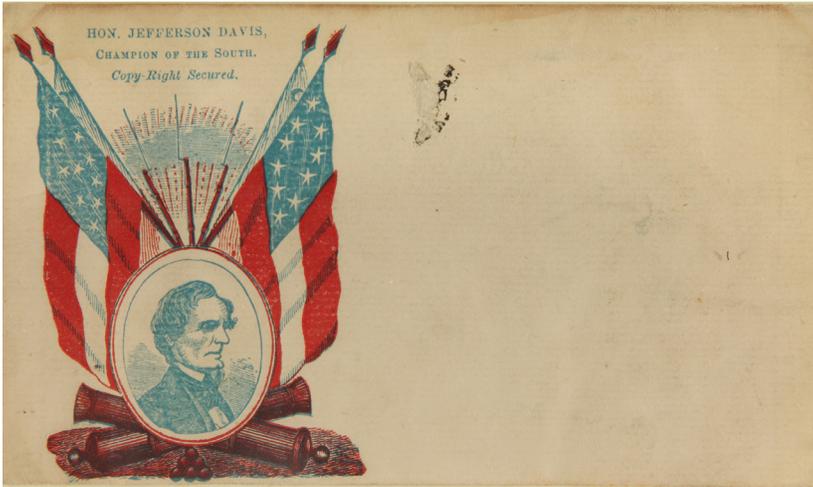


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Envelope B



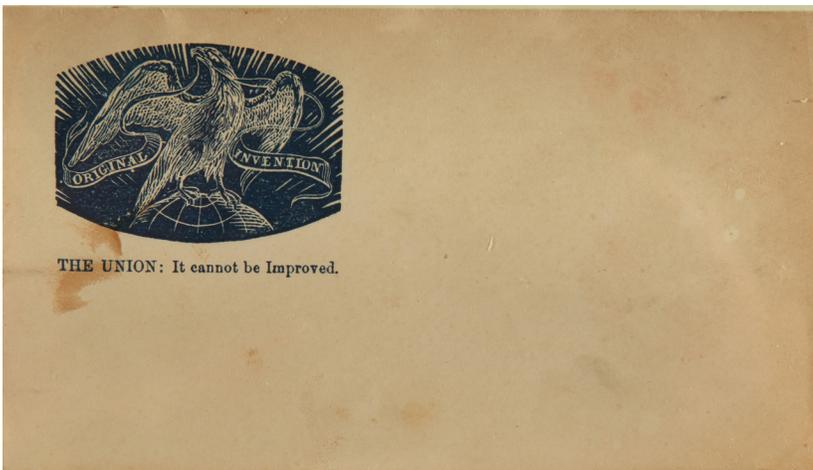
Civil War envelope with portrait of Confederate President Jefferson Davis surrounded by patriotic symbols with slogan *Hon. Jefferson Davis, Champion of the South*, 1861. Autry Museum; MS.518.S2.46

Is this in support of the Union or the Confederacy? _____

What evidence on the envelope made you think it was in support of the Union or Confederacy?

Explain how this evidence shows support of the Union or Confederacy. _____

Envelope C



Civil War envelope with image of American eagle and slogan *The Union: It Cannot be Improved*, 1861-1862. Autry Museum; MS.518.S2.77

Is this in support of the Union or the Confederacy? _____

What evidence on the envelope made you think it was in support of the Union or Confederacy?

Explain how this evidence shows support of the Union or Confederacy. _____

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Envelope D – The image printed on this envelope features Lady Liberty grieving at the grave of Colonel Ellsworth, who was a close friend of Union President Abraham Lincoln.



Civil War envelope with patriotic symbols and slogan *Defender of the Stars and Stripes: A Nation mourns thy loss. A Nation's Tears thy Memory shall bedew.*, designed and published by J. E. Hayes, Boston, Massachusetts, 1861. Autry Museum; MS.518.S2.11

Glossary

Mourns: grieves, is sad because of

Thy: your

Bedew: sprinkle with water or other moisture—like the morning dew

Is this in support of the Union or the Confederacy? _____

What evidence on the envelope made you think it was in support of the Union or Confederacy?

Explain how this evidence shows support of the Union or Confederacy. _____

Envelope E



Civil War envelope with portrait of Confederate President Jefferson Davis surrounded by patriotic symbols and slogan *Southern Rights and Southern Institutions*, circa 1862. Autry Museum; MS.518.S2.48

Is this in support of the Union or the Confederacy? _____

What evidence on the envelope made you think it was in support of the Union or Confederacy?

Explain how this evidence shows support of the Union or Confederacy. _____

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Envelope F



Civil War envelope with image of Union General Scott chopping down a large tree with a bunch of secessionist sitting in the branches, and slogan *The Downfall of Secession Treas-on!*, copyright secured by Brown & Ryan, New York, 1861. Autry Museum; MS.518.S2.20

Is this in support of the Union or the Confederacy? _____

What evidence on the envelope made you think it was in support of the Union or Confederacy?

Explain how this evidence shows support of the Union or Confederacy. _____

Glossary

Secession: break away

Treason: overthrow one's government

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Union and Confederate Symbolism

While people used the envelopes to write and send letters, they also used the envelopes to promote the Union or Confederate position on the war and support of the troops fighting for each. The envelopes use *symbolism* such as words, images, symbols, colors, to support the two different sides in the war. Today, you can find symbolism on advertisements, websites, art, memes, and other ways people receive and send information.

PART II - Look at the imagery on the envelopes used to promote the Union or the Confederacy during the Civil War. Write down colors, people, symbols, and/or key words you see on each envelope. Next, analyze how these are used to impact viewers. What message or emotion are they trying to promote?

ENVELOPE	IN FAVOR OF UNION OR CONFEDERACY?	COLORS	SYMBOLS, IMAGES, PEOPLE	WORDS, PHRASES	MESSAGE, EMOTION
A	Union	Red, white, blue	American flag, Abraham Lincoln	Constitution, sustained	Stay together
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					

Glossary

Symbolism: things that represent something else

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PART III - Using the table above, how was the symbolism used by the Union and Confederacy similar or different?

The colors used in the Union envelopes and Confederacy envelopes are similar and/or different because...

The symbols, images and people used in the Union envelopes and Confederate envelopes are similar and/or different because...

The words used in the Union envelopes and Confederate envelopes are similar and/or different because...

The message/emotion of the Union and Confederate envelopes are similar and/or different because...

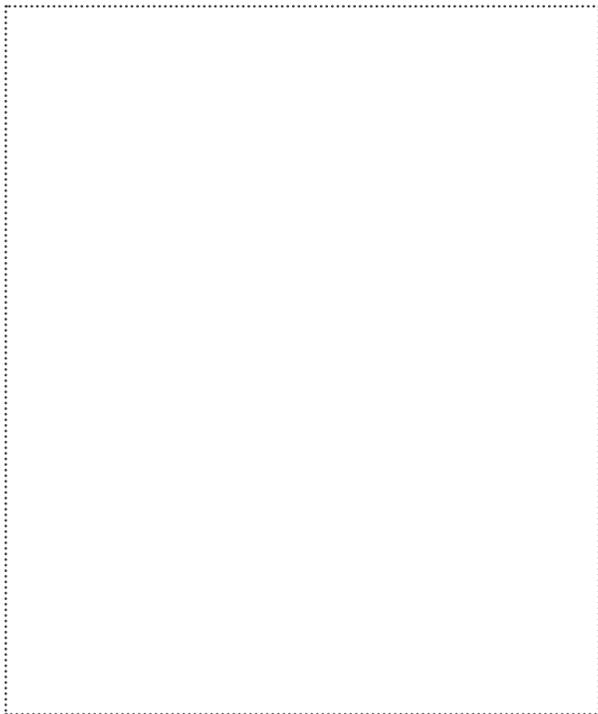
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My Envelope or Letterhead

I am in support of/against (circle one): _____

MESSAGE, EMOTION	COLORS	SYMBOLS, PEOPLE	WORDS/PHRASES

Sketch the symbolic image with words, colors, and/or symbols in the box below



Make a letterhead OR envelope with your symbolic image of words, colors, and/or symbols. Depending on the materials you have at home, draw your image on letterhead (paper) or an envelope.

Letterhead Instructions:

Take a blank piece of paper and position it portrait (hamburger not hotdog). Put the symbolic image with words, colors, and/or symbols on the top of the paper. You can center the image, put in on the left or right-hand side of the top of the paper. Add a border or other lines to showcase the symbolic image.

Envelope Instructions:

Use a blank envelope. Put the symbolic image with words, colors, and/or symbols in the top left corner of the front of the envelope or on the back envelope on the flap.