**Group Writing Activity**

It is April 15 1861. You are a foreign journalist sent to report on the civil war in the United States.

Write a short feature story for your newspaper using the data that you have been provided. Based on the data, you are to speculate on which side may have a better chance of winning the war and why.

You need to pick and choose the data that you will use in the story. You should only use the data that is relevant to your topic and position.