Fighting the war: North vs South

Directions: Sort the characteristics of the North and South into their appropriate columns.

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| Northern Strengths | Northern Weaknesses |
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| Southern Strengths | Southern Weaknesses |
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Who was better equipped to win the war? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Explain your reasoning:

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Explain how the following characteristics help/hurt the region:

1. Has an agricultural economy: North or South?

Helps: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Has nine times as many factories as the other region: North or South?

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3. Is fighting far from home: North or South?

Helps: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Has sharp sense of having been wronged: North or South

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