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Read each of the letters from someone in the Civil War era and describe his or her perspective, and what influences his or her perspective.

Letter 1: Robert E Lee to his Son

Who is the person, and how might it influence his or her perspective? (Soldier? General? Wife? Child? Farmer? Enslaved person? Someone else?)

What is this person's perspective about the war? (Support or oppose? Some other perspective?)

What influences your perspective? Think of political, economic, and social influences. Come up with at least two different influences.

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Letter 2: Sullivan Ballou to his wife Sarah

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Letter 3: Francis Fletcher to his Friend

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Letter 4: Lillian to her friend, Catherine.

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Letter 5: CF Boyd to his Wife

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