

Fort Pulaski Vocabulary

American Civil War:	A war between citizens of the United States between 1861 and 1865
Casemate:	A room within a fort which can fire guns or cannon balls
Casemate Gin:	A pulley used to move cannon barrels on and off their carriages
Casimir Pulaski:	A nobleman and soldier from Poland who came to assist America during the Revolutionary War. He was killed in battle in Savannah, GA in 1779
Charles Olmstead:	Confederate States Army officer who commanded the confederates in the Battle for Fort Pulaski
Cistern:	A tank that stores water
Confederates:	A military land force made primarily of southern states that, amongst other issues, fought to protect state rights
Demilunes:	Triangular shape of the fort compound, allowed military forces to defend the fort from attack
Fort:	A building or group of buildings with strong defenses, usually strategically located and guarded by troops
General David Hunter:	Union general in the American Civil War. He is most famous for in 1862 issued an unauthorized emancipation of slaves in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Gunpowder Magazine:	A room designed to hold gunpowder in wooden barrels for safety
March Haynes:	A former slave who guided other slaves to freedom by getting them to safety on Cockspur Island
Moat:	A deep, wide trench around the fort filled with water
Mounds:	A fortification built in front of the fort to hold ammunition and provide shelter; covered by land
Port:	A city where ships unload or load cargo
Quincy A. Gillmore	Union civil war engineer and brigadier general who had the idea to use rifled cannons against the confederates occupying Fort Pulaski
Rifled Cannon:	Considered to be new technology at the time of the Civil War. This cannon was first used during the battle of Fort Pulaski and allows for projectiles to fire at a greater range than smooth-bore cannons
Robert E. Lee:	An American confederate soldier who helped design the dike system at Fort Pulaski
Sling Cart:	A cart used to transport heavy loads in which the load is suspended by a chain suspended above the ground below the level of the axel
Smooth-bore Cannon:	A cannon with no grooves inside the barrel
Union:	A military land force made primarily of northern states who fought for the freedom of slaves, another term for the U.S. federal government during the Civil War

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