Showing Information in Charts and Graphs

In addition to pictures, the GED social studies exam also expects you to understand information in charts, graphs, and tables. Each way of showing data has different benefits, and points out different ideas about the data.

The American Civil War lasted from 1861 to 1865 and was fought between the northern Union states and the southern Confederacy states, which wanted to break away from the United States. Following is the same data, or information, about the American Civil War presented in two different ways.

Learn More about the American Civil War:
http://www.passGED.com/links/category/american-civil-war/

Learn More about Charts, Graphs, and Tables:
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This chart emphasizes how many more troops the confederacy had than the union, because it’s easy to visually compare the height of the bars.

This chart emphasizes how the number of troops in the confederacy and the union changed over time, because your eye follows the line across the chart.