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War is a period of fighting between two or more than two countries, and sometimes it occurs within the country. Such conflicts cannot be resolved successfully without having big number of soldiers and weapons. During the civil war in America, an unexpected thing happened when free black men were asked to take part in war as a soldier, and most of them were former slaves. The peer review article "What it was like to be an African-American soldier during the civil war" is an allusion, which only highlights the dark aspects of the war. The article does not depict the aspects or purpose of the war, but actually, it talks about injustice and racism that was going on during the war. The irony behind this war was that the war was in favor of all men having equal rights to liberty. In reality, white soldiers put their guns on black men’s shoulders and fired. White soldiers were paid more than black soldiers, and even the number of deaths of black soldiers was higher than the whites. There was a lot of racism, even during the war period among soldiers. Black soldiers were referred to as ‘Colored Troops.' Besides the problems of war faced by all soldiers, African-American soldiers faced additional difficulties created by racial prejudice. Black men were assigned only to perform non-combat duties as laborers, cooks, etc. The writer chooses simple diction to convey complex meaning of the war. He chooses to talk about social injustice that happened during the war. He puts his idea about diversity in the war, which is parallel to the idea written in the article, which he peers reviewed. He quoted that, “Diversity wasn’t necessarily good from a military standpoint, but that the “postwar benefits of company diversity may have been extremely high(Wills).”

Wills, Matthew. “What It Was Like To Be an African-American Soldier During the Civil War.” *JSTOR Daily*, 3 Feb. 2016, https://daily.jstor.org/what-it-was-like-to-be-african-american-soldier-civil-war/.