# The Civil War {1861-1865

Union Forces vs. Confederate States of America (CSA) North vs. South Blue vs. Grey

## 1861

Eleven states seceded from Union

Border States (Slave states that didn't leave)

Kentucky – Controlled Ohio River

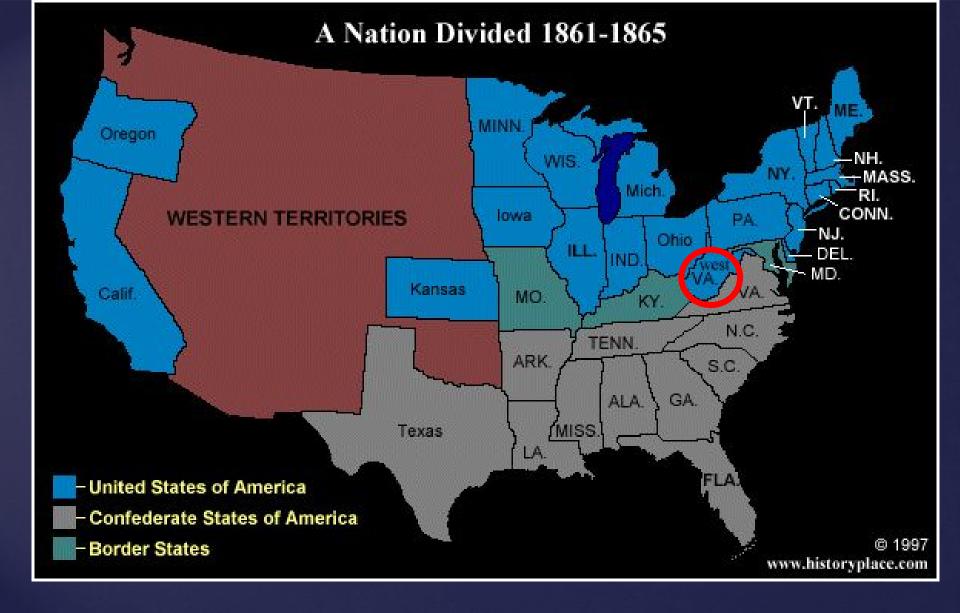
Missouri – Gateway to the West

Maryland – North of the capital (D.C.)

Delaware

New state formed – West Virginia

<u>First Focus</u> – Keep the Union together Later – Free the Slaves



State Allegiances

## Confederate States of America

Each state had its own agenda / focus on self and not the Confederacy

Jefferson Davis elected president

Capital – 1861 Montgomery, Alabama After 1861 – Richmond, Virginia 1865 – Looking to move South

#### War Facts

Over 650,000 Casualties

Deadlier – American Rev., WWI, WWII, & Vietnam combined

## Confederate Army Advantages

First 3 years was dominated by Confederate victories Better military leadership

(Lee, Stonewall Jackson, P. G. T. Beauregard, J.E.B. Stewart)

South had to "outlast" the Northern efforts

(similar to American Revolution

Defend your home – Very motivating

Southern armies very familiar with the land

## Union Army Advantages

- 1. More people 22 million in North vs. 9 million in South (3.5 million were slaves)
- 2. 90% of goods were made in North
  - A. Textiles (cloth)
  - B. Shoes
  - c. Iron production
  - D. Firearms/artillery
- Railroad -20,000 miles of tracks vs. 10,000 miles in South.
- 4. Armies -2 million men vs. 900,000

#### NEW TECHNOLOGY

#### WEAPONS

Rifle Barrels vs. linear military tactics

#### **MEDICINE**

Hygiene / treatment of disease

- 3 Things you wouldn't see in today's hospital
  - 1. Blood everywhere
  - 2. Open surgery
  - 3. Dirty tools

#### PHOTOGRAPHY & CAMERA

Published pictures made the war very real

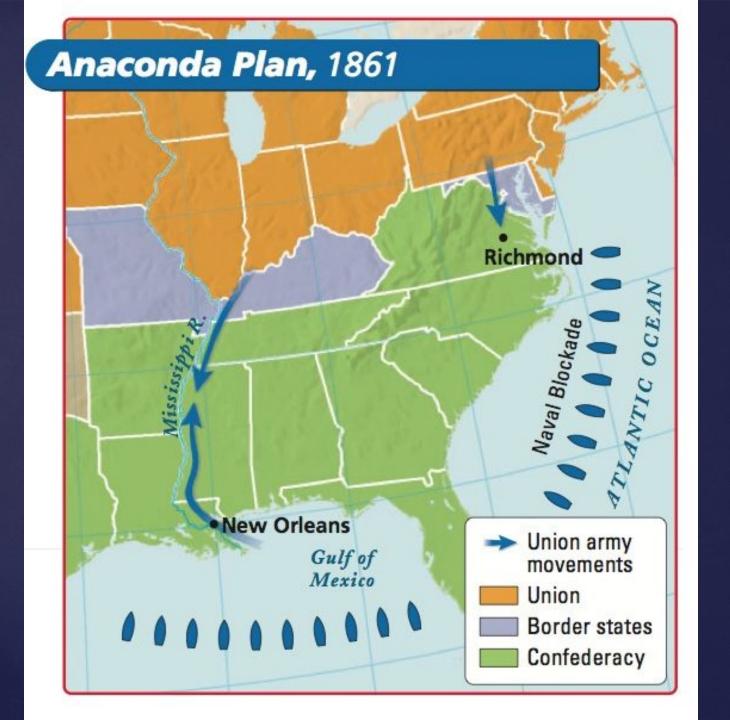
## North's Strategy

#### Anaconda Plan

- 1. Split the Confederacy into 2 (Mississippi River)
  - 2. Naval Blockade to prevent trade/supplies
  - 3. Take the Capital of Richmond
- 4. Hire Robert E. Lee

## South's Strategy

Defensive War – Wear out the North Get help from England and other European countries



## SCOTT'S CREAT SNAKE.



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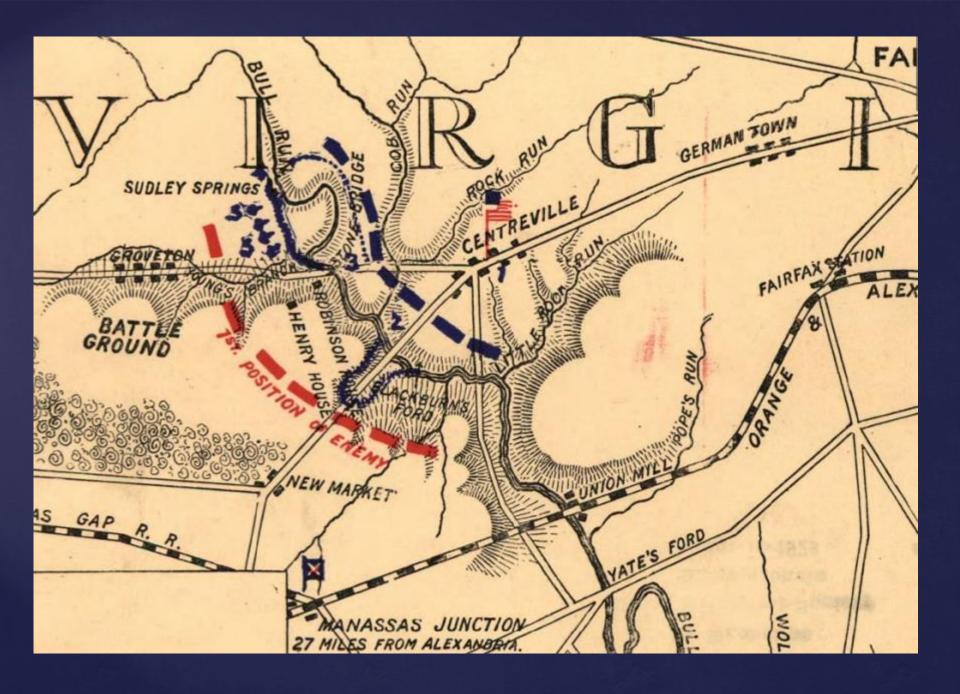


Fort Sumter – South attacks first

Both sides expect a quick victory

- 1. Union invades Virginia
- 2. First Battle of Bull Run or Manassas
- 3. First fighting on land Disastrous Union defeat
- 4. New Confederate Hero Thomas "Stonewall"

Jackson



## 1862

#### **KEY Confederate Victories**

Battle of Shiloh – Bloody battle

Seven-days Battle –

- 1. Robert E. Lee's entrance to the main stage of the Civil War
  - 2. Lee's First major victory
  - 3. Set back the Union forces for a year

#### Second Bull Run (Manassas)

- 1. South Victory under Lee
- 2. Cemented his reputation as a GREAT general

# Ironclads – Monitor & Merrimack



Merrimack also known as CSS Virginia
History's first duel between ironclad warships
Confederate effort to break the Union blockade of Southern ports
Battle was a draw

Started a new era in naval warfare

The bloodiest single day of Civil War

Draw – no clear winner (McCellan fired / Burnside hired)

Finally a good North outcome

Gives Lincoln opportunity for the

Emancipation Proclamation

Shuts the door – European nations will not help

South

1862 - September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Emancipation Proclamation Freed slaves in South (1/1/1863) – No jurisdiction Military Decree – Free Blacks and runaways join the Army

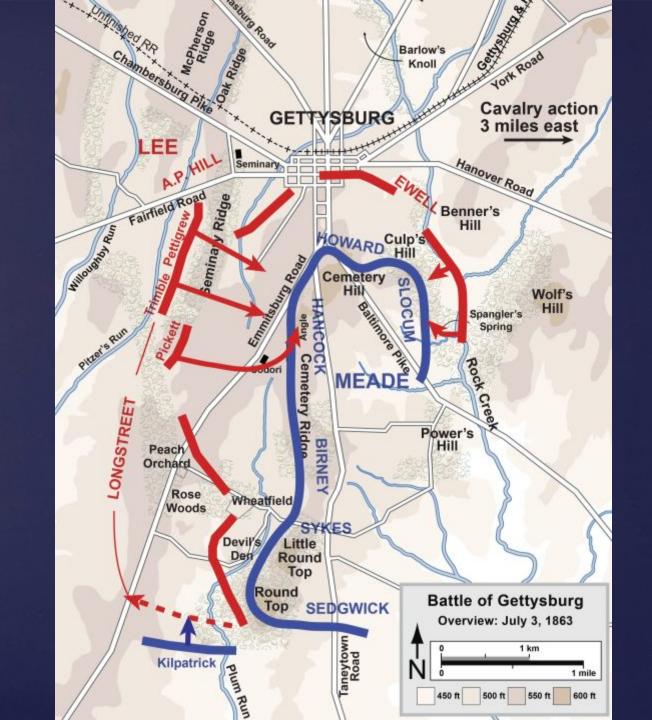
- 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg
  Union invades South (Burnside fired Hooker hired)
  Most disastrous Union loss
- 1863 Chancellorsville
  Greatest Confederate Victory (Hooker fired / Meade hired)
  Friendly fire is an issue
  Stonewall Jackson shot by his own men
  Later he dies of pneumonia
- 1863 July <u>Battle of Vicksburg</u> (May through June) North already has control of New Orleans Union gains control over Mississippi River South loses main transportation route

- 1863 July <u>Battle of Gettysburg</u> (Pennsylvania)

  3 Days Long Lee tries to invade North

  Turning Point in the War

  Confederate Army dominates the first day
  - Cemetery Ridge
  - Little Round Top
  - Devil's Ridge
  - Picket's Charge Huge Failure
  - Four months later Gettysburg Address



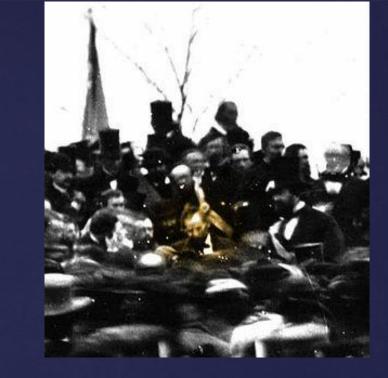
#### **GETTYSBURG**

First National Cemetery

Didn't expect Lincoln to show

Speech was reminding us what principles help found our country

Revisited the Declaration of Independence



Ulysses S. Grant put in charge of all Union Forces
Aggressive strategy – going bleed Lee's forces
to nothing

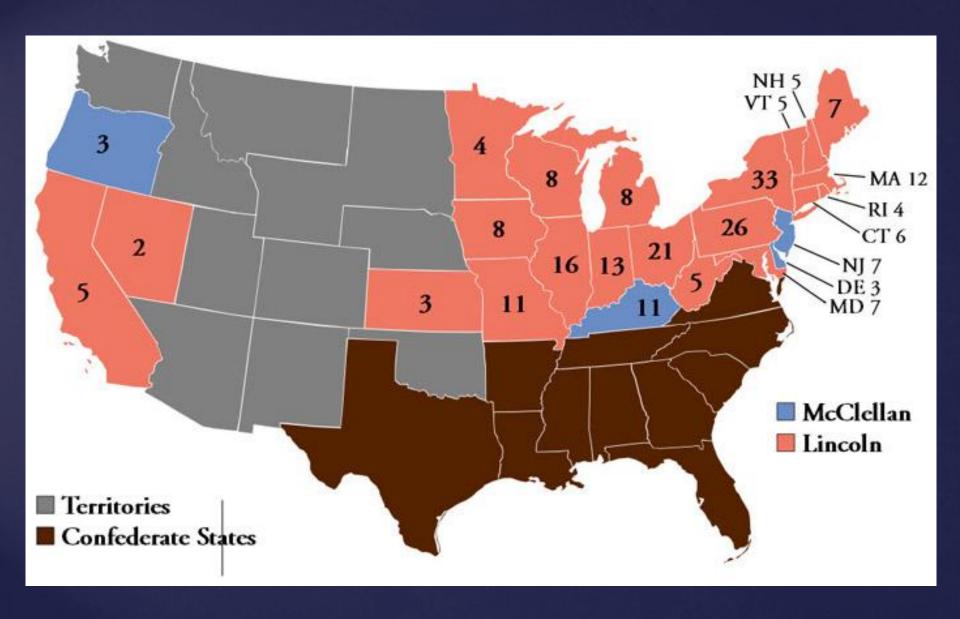
Nickname – The Butcher

1863 – August - September – Fall of Atlanta Key – Captured South's major manufacturing center & railroad hub

Helps Lincoln's re-election effort (vs. Former General McClellan - he fired him)

1863 - November – Sherman's March to the Sea
60,000 soldiers march through Georgia
Terrorized, lived off land, used Confederate supplies
Spread fear by destruction of property
Sherman's Legacy





# 1865 – April – <u>Battle of Appomattox Court House</u>, Virginia Lee surrenders to Grant

Not official end to war

Served as a blueprint for the surrender of the remaining Confederate forces in the South

Confederate soldiers will be paroled, sent home with belongings

Generous terms

#### After the War

- U.S. remains united
- Strengthen the federal government
- 1.5 million casualties / 620,000 dead
- 4 million slaves freed
- 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery
- 3 Holidays Mothers Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day (Decoration Day)

#### April 1865: Lincoln is Assassinated

John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln during play at Ford Theatre

Puts end to Lincoln's reconstruction plan

- \* Rebuild the South focus on society and economy and amnesty
- \* 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Free the slaves (beginning of civil rights movement)

"Malice to none with charity towards all"