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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1860

Democrat Party

 Selects Stephen A. Douglas (Illinois) as candidate

Southern Democrats

- After walking out two different Democrat Conventions, meet separate and
- Nominate John Breckenridge (Kentucky as candidate.

Republican Party

- nominates Abraham Lincoln (Illinois).
 - A moderate, morally against slavery and against its expansion into the territories.

Constitutional Union Party

- Nominate John Bell (Tennessee)
 - Whigs and former Know-Nothings











Abraham John John Lincoln vs. Breckinridge vs. Bell vs.

Stephen Douglas

ON THE BALLOT

Republicans gave up on getting any Southern votes.

Lincoln is not on the ballot in most of the slave states







IT ALL STARTS WITH SOUTH CAROLINA

- 1. South Carolina secedes on December 20, 1860
- 2. Mississippi secedes on January 9, 1861
- 3. Florida secedes on January 10, 1861
- 4. Alabama secedes on January 11, 1861
- 5. Georgia secedes on January 19, 1861
- 6. Louisiana secedes on January 26, 1861
- 7. Texas secedes on February 1, 1861
- NOTE: Kentucky passes an order of secession but does not leave and Missouri passes one but never presents it to the people so it never leaves either.







CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

- February 1861, secession delegates meet in Montgomery, Alabama.
- Form Confederate States of America (CSA)
- Draft Constitution
 - Resembles US Constitution
 - Protects and recognizes slavery.
- Elect Jefferson Davis (Mississippi) as president.



WHO WOULD YOU BET ON?

North – The Union

- Manufacturing/Exports
 - Multiple products
 - More export than import trade
- Transportation/Rail
 - National Roads
 - Rail line/transcontinental rail
 - Same gauge rail lines
- Population
 - 22 million
 - Steady stream of immigrants
- Government
 - Government intact, strong central government

South – The Confederacy

- Manufacturing
 - Only export is cotton
 - Heavily relied on imports
- Transportation/Rail
 - Few roads
 - ¹/₂ the rail lines of the Union
 - Inconsistent rail gauges state-to-state
- Population
 - 9 million
 - 1/3 of that population was slaves
- Government
 - Weak central government, no central control





WHAT DID THE SOUTH HAVE ON ITS SIDE?

"....cotton, slaves, and Arrogrance."



Who has the advantage?



- Soon after the Confederacy forms, CSA soldiers begin seizing Federal military installations in each secessionist state.
- Primary target: Forts!
- Lincoln is inaugurated on March 4, 1861.
- By that time, only four Forts remain in Union hands, the most important is Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.
- Lincoln decided the Union would neither abandon or reinforce those Forts.
- At 4:30 AM on April 12, 1861, the Confederates attack Fort Sumter.
- Commander P.G.T. Beauregard attacks the Fort commanded by Union Major Robert Anderson.



WEST POINT VERSUS WEST POINT



Pierre Gustave Toutant-Beauregard

Robert Anderson



"HAVING DEFENDED FORT SUMTER FOR THIRTY-FOUR HOURS, UNTIL THE QUARTERS WERE ENTIRELY BURNED, THE MAIN GATED DESTROYED BY FIRE,...I ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF EVACUATION."

Major Robert Anderson Commander at Fort Sumter April 18, 1861

THE ANACONDA PLAN: GEN. WINFIELD SCOTT

Objectives

- 1. The first objective was to set up a naval blockade of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico ports that were controlled by the Confederacy.
 - Cut off all trade to and from the CSA
- 2. The second objective of the plan was to transport roughly 60,000 Union troops in 40 steam transports escorted by upwards of 20 steam gunboats down the Mississippi river.





The Union Army named battles after waterways. Bull Run

The Confederate Army named battles after locations.

Manassas



BULL RUN/ MANASSAS

CASUALTIES:

CONFEDERATE VICTORY

3,000 UNION – 1,750 CSA

First major land battle of the Civil War

 Manassas Junction is about 25 miles from Washington, DC.

- People drove out to watch, carried food along with them; some vendors sold food.
- General Ewell McDowell (Union) rode into Virginia with about 35,000 troops.
- General PGT Beauregard (CSA) commanded about 10,000 troops with reinforcements of almost 20,000.
- See-saw battle, Confederates eventually overrun the North.
- War-watchers flee, leaving behind debris and clogging the roads as Union forces retreat.
- Confederates tired; commanders did not push forward and try to take Washington, DC.



Union General at the First Battle of Bull Run July 21, 1861



THOMAS J. JACKSON "STONEWALL" (1824-1863)

- Confederate General Virginian Graduate of West Point
- Veteran of Mexican-American War
- Joins the Confederate Army after the attack on Fort Sumter (April 1861)
- Earns h1824-is nickname at the First Battle of Bull Run
- "There stands Jackson, like a stonewall."
- Horse: "Little Sorrell"





- Some Confederate soldiers took the win as a sign of victory in the war and went home.
- Union leadership realized this was going to be a war and not a rebellion.
- Lincoln does two things:
- 1. Appoints General George McClellan the leader of the Union Forces in the East.
- 2. Increases enlistments (people joining the army).
- McClellan is great at drilling his men into an army but he's not so quick at marching into battle.





- The North successfully blocks large ships from coming into Confederate ports but cannot block small vessels.
 - Blockade Runners: small boats that can break blockade lines.
- April 1862: Union seizes New Orleans
 - Confederacy's largest city
 - Gives them control of the entry to the Mississippi River.





- General Ulysses S. Grant begins to take control of the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers
- This splits Tennessee and gives the Union a route into the Confederate territory.
- He takes Kentucky and most of Tennessee.
- "Unconditional Surrender" Grant



BATTLE OF SHILOH/ PITTSBURGH LANDING

UNION VICTORY

KILLED:

WOUNDED:

1,754 UNION — 1,728 CSA

MISSING/CAPTURED: 2,885 UNION — 959 CSA

8,408 UNION — 8,012 CSA

- April 6-7, 1862
- Gens. Grant an Buell (Union) and Gens.
 Johnston and Beauregard (CSA)
- 63,000 Union troops/40,000 CSA troops
- After several wins back-to-back, Grant almost loses the battle.
- Surprise Confederate attack.
- Grant reorganizes troops and repels Confederates.
- Nearly 25.000 men were killed, wounded, or captured during the battle.
- Another reminder that this will be a bloody war.





By June 1862:

- New Orleans is captured by Admiral Farragut
- Union controls most of the Mississippi
- Almost effectively cutting the Confederacy into two pieces
- Only Vicksburg, Mississippi remains in Confederate hands....



BATTLE OF ANTIETAM/SHARPSBURG

General Robert E. Lee - CSA



General George McClellan (Union)



West Point 1829/Mexican American War

West Point 1846/Mexican American War



BATTLE OF ANTIETAM SHARPSBURG

KILLED: 2,108 UNION - 1,567 CSA WOUNDED: 9,549 UNION - 7,756 CSA **MISSING**: 753 UNION – 1,018 CSA

UNION VICTORY

• September 17, 1862

- Gen. Robert E. Lee (CSA) and General McClellan (Union)
- Bloodiest one day battle in American History
- McClellan did not break Lee's lines but inflicted so many casualties that Lee retreated to Virginia.
- Crucial victory for the North
- British had been waiting for a big CSA victory to determine if they wanted to intervene/help the Confederacy – this caused them to wait.
- Lincoln used the win as a platform to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.





"...ALL PERSONS HELD AS SLAVES WITHIN ANY STATE OR DESIGNATED PART OF A STATE, THE PEOPLE WHEREOF SHALL THEN BE IN REBELLION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, SHALL BE THEN, THENCEFORWARD, AND FOREVER FREE."

The Emancipation Proclamation Signed September 22, 1862 Effective January 1, 1863

THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

- Lots of disagreement about when and how to end slavery but...
- This was no longer a little revolt, it was a war and Union casualties were rising.
 - Punish the South
 - Justify Union casualties
- Lincoln announces the proclamation on 9/22/1862
 - Freeing all slaves in states still in rebellion after January 1, 1863.
 - Did not address slavery in border states
 - Transforms the war from states' rights to a war for liberation of slaves.



TURNING POINTS: TECHNOLOGY

Technology and Medicine

• New military technology produced greater casualties than ever before.

Spencer Carbine Rifle: 7 rounds in 30 second

Gatling Gun: 200 rounds per minute







TURNING POINTS: MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

Field Medicine

Field Doctors had to treat casualties with:

- Injuries*
 - Amputations
 - Gangrene
- Illness (killed 1000s of soldiers)
 - Smallpox
 - Dysentery
 - Typhoid
 - Pneumonia

Mary Edwards Walker (Union)

Female Frontline Surgeon

- Few women had medical degrees.
- Worked near battle fronts
- Crossed lines to treat civilians
- Arrested as a spy in 1864
- Awarded the Medal of Honor in 1865
 - Only woman to win the award



OTHER TECHNOLOGY: IRON CLADS &

SUBMARINES

An **ironclad** is a steampropelled warship protected by iron or steel armor plates.

- Developed to end the vulnerability of wooden ships to explosives or incendiary shells.
- The first ironclad battle ship was launched in November 1859 by the French Navy.



Battle of the Monitor and Merrimack, also called Battle of Hampton Roads, (March 9, 1862), notable as history's first duel between ironclad warships and the beginning of a new era of naval warfare.



OTHER TECHNOLOGY: IRON CLADS & SUBMARINES

Photo # NH 999 Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. Artwork by R.G. Skerrett



H.L. Hunley, CSA



Alligator, USA



OTHER TECHNOLOGY: SUBMARINES







OTHER TECHNOLOGY: HOT AIR BALLOONS Aerial Reconnaissance

CW "Drones"

Used by the Federal troops



OTHER TECHNOLOGY: PHOTOGRAPHY

• A gift to a loved one before a soldier left for war.

- Mathew Brady Union
- Memories: good and bad

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SIEGE OF VICKSBURG

CASUALTIES: 4,835 UNION – 2,302 CSA SURRENDERED: 32,697 CSA

UNION VICTORY (DECISIVE)

Siege: a military blockade of a city or fortified place to force it to surrender.

Vicksburg was the last Confederate stronghold along the Mississippi River.

May 1863: General Grant surrounds the city, cutting off food and supplies for 40 days.

July 4, 1863, the Confederates surrender.

Cuts the Confederacy in two – completing one phase of the Anaconda Plan.

Major turning point in the war!



June 1863: After defeating Union forces at the Battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, General Lee decides to invade the North.

July 1-2, 1863: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

BATTLE OF

CASUALTIES:

GETTYSBURG

UNION VICTORY (DECISIVE)

23,000 UNION – 23-28,000 CSA

- July 1: Lee's troops happen to meet two Union brigades of Union cavalry and pushed them out of the city.
- July 2: Both armies mobilize to the area and Lee attacks. Union troops hold their ground.
- July 3: Pickett's Charge at Cemetery Ridge- a massive assault, 15,000 people charge forward
 - Charge across ³/₄ mile of open land
 - 7,000 casualties within less than a half hour BUT UNION LINES HOLD.





July 1-3, 1863

- Lee retreats to Virginia. Loses 1/3 of his army at Gettysburg.
 - "...all this has been my fault. It is I that have lost this fight."
- Lee disheartened
 - lost Stonewall Jackson to friendly fire in May 1863 near Chancellorsville.
 - Lee and the Confederate forces will be on the defensive the remainder of the war.
- Loss at Gettysburg strengthens the Republican Party in the North.
- Ensures that Great Britain will not recognize the Confederacy

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY



Four score and seven years ag our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the propositional that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any other nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come here to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might life. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.



GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget whey they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA

Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman

- Commander under General Grant
- April December 1864
- Forces lived off the land, away from supply lines.
- Foraged from what they could find on farms, houses, etc.
- Fought militias, destroyed transportation and communication lines. etc.





LINCOLN'S 2ND INAUGURATION

Lincoln's Re-Election: November 1864

- Lincolns win's reelection campaign in November.
- Inauguration in March, 1865

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Address



SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA



SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX

Richmond Falls: April 2, 1865

Richmond was the capital of the Confederacy.

There is a small battle a few days letter at Appomattox.

The army of Northern Virginia, Lee's forces, are tired and starving.



McLean House, site of Lee's surrender: 4/9/1865



SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX

April 9, 1865: Lee surrenders to General Grant in Appomattox, VA

The **terms** of the **surrender** were generous:

- Confederate soldiers would have to turn in their rifles.
- Immediately paroled as prisoners of war.
- They could return home immediately and keep their horses or mules.
- They were also given food as many of them were very hungry.



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AMENDMENTS: 13TH AND 14TH

13th Amendment Abolishing Slavery

- January 31, 1865 narrowly passes House of Representatives
- Sent to states for ratification.
- By December 1865, enough states have ratified for it to go in effect.
- The Abolition Movement achieves its ultimate goal.

14th Amendment Citizenship/Equal Protection

- June 1866
- Granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and
- Reinforces "due process of law" for all people; not state can deny rights, liberty, or property without due process.



LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION APRIL 14, 1865

Ford's Theater "Our American Cousin"

Lincoln is assassinated while attending a play at Ford's Theater.

John Wilkes Booth, during the third act, shoots Lincoln in the back of the head.

"**Sic temper tyrannis!**" (Death to tyrants)

Booth jumps from the balcony to the floor, breaking his leg.







LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION APRIL 14, 1865

- Booth escapes.
- "Your name is Mudd."
- Lincoln dies the next morning.
- Manhunt finds Booth 12 days later.
- He is shot by a Union soldier in a barn in Virginia.