The Civil War

Crittenden Compromise

 Proposal submitted by KY Senator Called for constitutional amendments Permanent existence of slavery – Re establish Missouri Compromise line and have it pertain to all new territory Equalized the fee schedule for the **Fugitive Slave Act** Never passed - Republicans would not agree, because it allowed the expansion of slavery http://www.tulane.edu/~latner/CrittendenComp.html

Ft. Sumter

- One of the last Union strongholds in the South (South Carolina).
- The South Carolina government asked Union forces to vacate, but they refused.
 - Instead sent ships w/ supplies
- Confederate president, Davis, decided on action- fired at the ship and the first shots of the Civil War were fired on April 12, 1861. After Union Major Robert Anderson refused surrender
- http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/fortsumter-the-civil-war-begins-1018791/?all
- Confederates were successful and in response, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to serve in a Union army for 90 days.

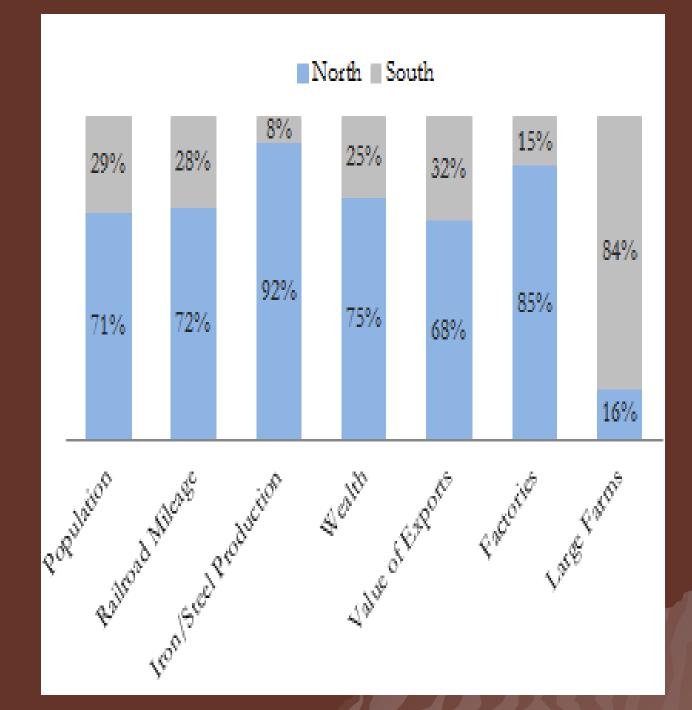
The other states

- The beginning of the Civil War forced other states to choose a side.
 - Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina seceded and joined the Union.
 - Border states (slaves states still in the Union that bordered the Confederacy) became important.
 - ◆ Delaware, Missouri, Maryland, Kentucky
 - I hope to have God on my side, but I must have Kentucky" Kentucky decided upon neutrality in spring 1861

North v. South

Larger population Steady and prosperous economy Industrialized Railroads War supplies & men to fight readily available Led by Lincoln

 Military superiority – General Robert E. Lee Had support of people Fighting a defensive war in own territory Fewer manufacturing resources Lack of resources Led by Jefferson Davis



Northern and Southern Goals

Fight to save the Union!

Lincoln wanted to keep the slavery issue out of Northern goals to appease the border states & nonabolitionists. To be left alone, with slavery unchanged.

 Planned to fight a defensive war

Hoped for foreign aid

 Cotton production was needed for the textile mills in Europe.

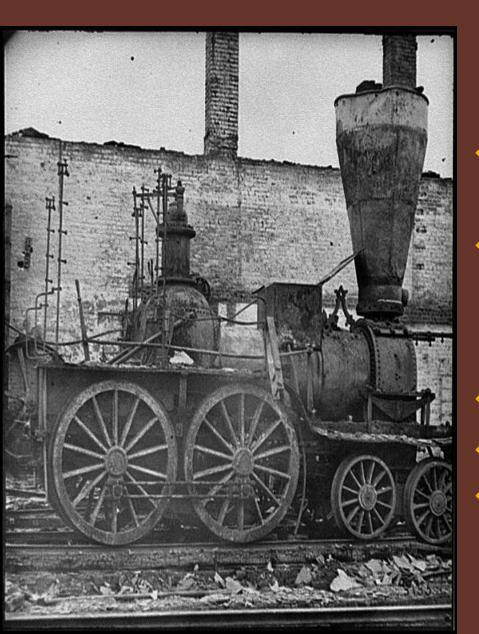
Civil War Technology

The First "Modern War"

Many historians call the Civil War the first modern war, because of the new technology that was used.
Influence of the Industrial Revolution
New weapons allowed soldiers to be more effective, but this new technology also meant that more soldiers were killed.

http://www.history.com/topics/civil-wartechnology/videos

Railroads



Used to quickly transport resources and troops from one place to another.

When the war began, there were 22,000 miles of railroad track in the North and just 9,000 in the South, and the North had almost all of the nation's track and locomotive factories.

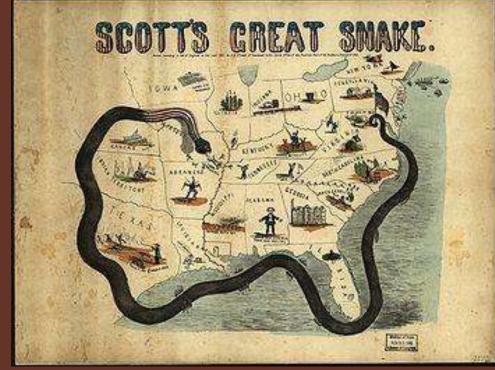
Prone to attacks.

 Controlled by military forces during the War

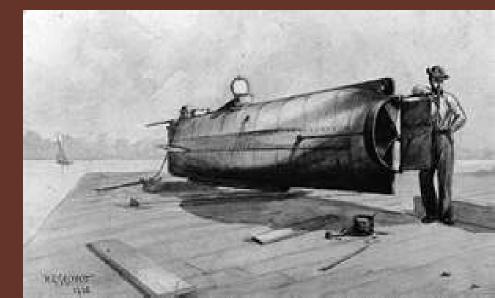
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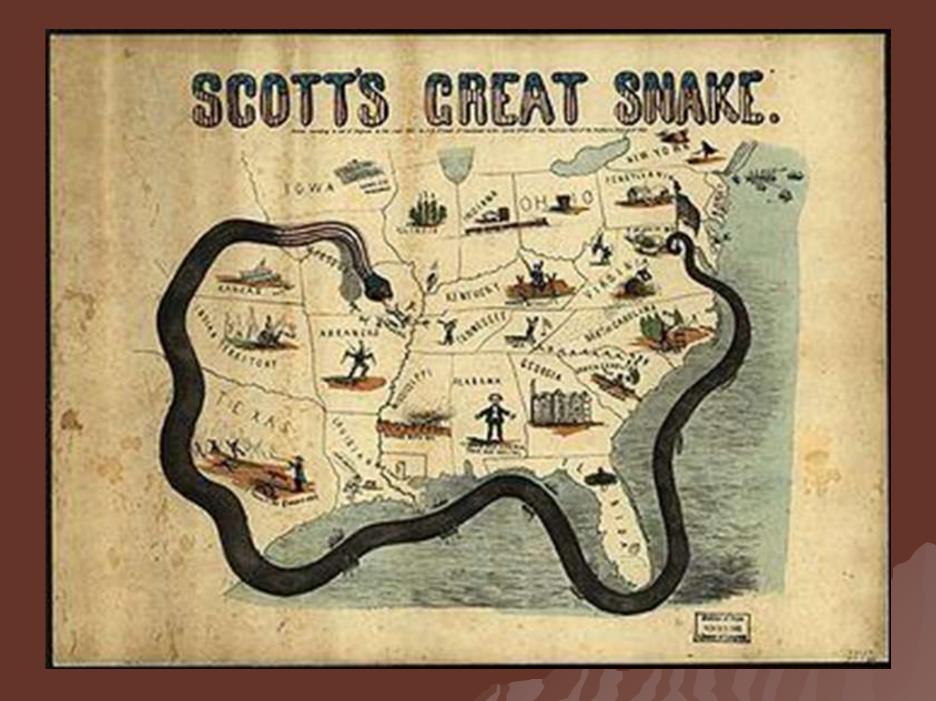
Iron-Clads

 During the Civil War, the use of wooden ships was exchanged with the use of
 "Iron-clad" warships that prowled up and down the coast.



 Union strategy was to create a blockade around Southern ports.





Anaconda Plan

 A blockade around Southern ports to prevent the entrance of supplies & crush the confederacy economically

 These blockades further crippled the Southern economy and created massive shortages

 Most infamous, Bread Riot in Richmond, VA

http://www.history.com/news/hungry-history/ blood-the-richmond-bread-riots

Backstory Podcast- You've Come a Long Way http://backstoryradio.org/shows/youve-come-20:00-25:00

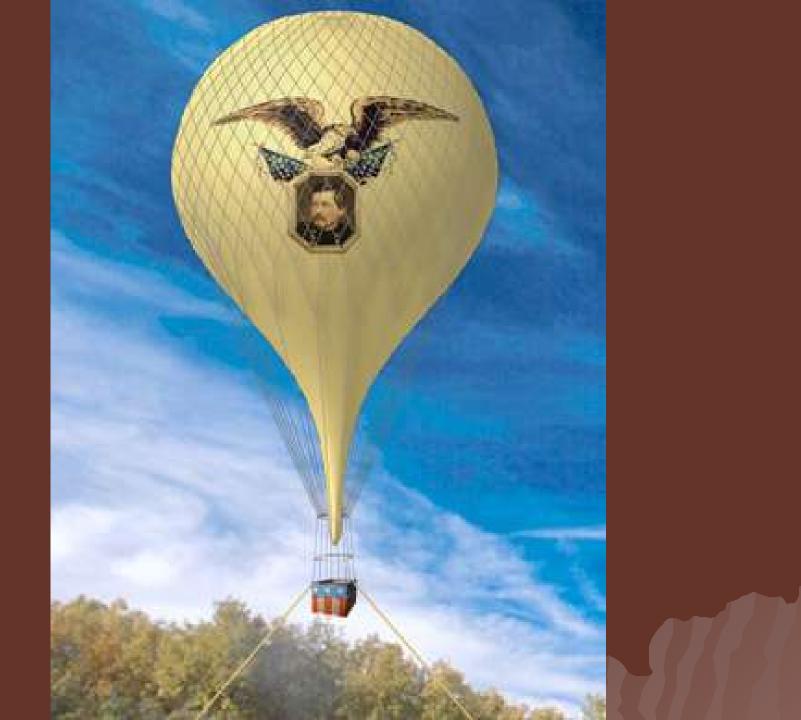


Balloons

 Hot air and hydrogen-filled balloons were used for aerial reconnaissance.

Information would be sent back to commanders via telegraph.

Union forces had balloons first, but the Confederates would build some for themselves.

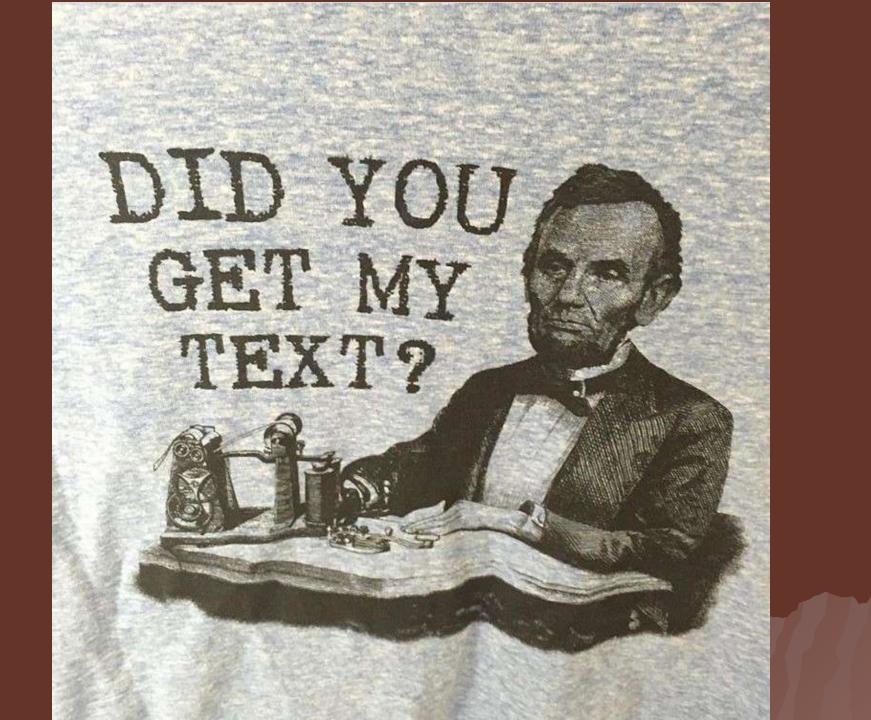


Telegraph

- Abraham Lincoln was the first president who was able to communicate on the spot with his officers on the battlefield.
 - The White House telegraph office enabled him to monitor battlefield reports, lead real-time strategy meetings and deliver orders to his men.
 - By end of the war, 15,000 miles of telegraph lines had been built by the armies.







Photography



The Civil War was the first war to be documented through the lens of a camera.

However, the era's photographic process was far too elaborate for candid pictures. The images of the Civil War are not action snapshots: They are portraits and landscapes.

Photographs and the media allowed those at home to understand aspects of the battlefield.

Weaponry

Before the Civil War, infantry soldiers typically carried muskets that held just one bullet at a time. The range of these muskets was about 250 yards. **Rifles**, by contrast, **had a much greater range**

Rifles with Minié bullets were more accurate, and therefore deadlier, than muskets were, which forced infantries to change the way they fought.





The rifle-musket and the Minié bullet are thought to account for around 90 percent of Civil War casualties.

 These new weapons were more readily available in the North as they had the factories to make them, while the South initially lacked these.

Medicine- Ether and Chloroform

 American military doctors began using ether and chloroform as an anesthetic.

 Used whenever it was available to reduce the pain and trauma of amputation or other procedures.

 Battlefield doctors had to fight infection.





Life During Civil War

Home Front

 Most fighting in South Tremendous amount of property damage in South! Food shortages Inflation Anti-war movement in response to draft \rightarrow copperheads: those opposed to the War

Role of Women

- Some disguised themselves and enlisted in army
- Some served as spies
- Took over farms, plantations, businesses while men left to fight
- Prior to the Civil War, nurses were typically men, but women stepped into those roles during the War.
 - 3,000 women served as Union army nurses
- Women led relief societies to organize and create supplies for the war effort.

Significant Moments of the War

1861-1862

Battle of Bull Run- July 1861 – 1st major battle Both sides shocked at devastation; ended hopes for a short war Battle of Shiloh- April 1862 Major victory for Union Acquired water routes Battle of Antietam – September 1862 Bloodiest day of the Civil War - Combined casualties = 23,000

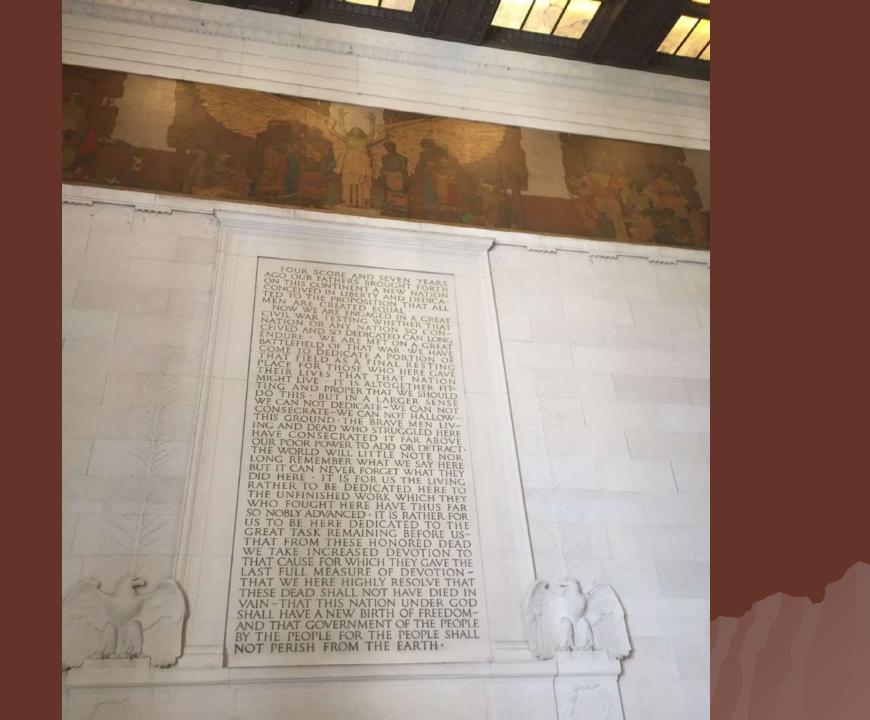
1863

Emancipation Proclamation

- January 1, 1863
- Declared forever free those slaves in all areas of the Confederacy
 - Did not apply to areas under Union control or border states
- Now war is being fought not only to preserve Union, but to eliminate slavery
- About 200,000 emancipated blacks would serve as soldiers for the Union

1863, cont. \rightarrow The Turning Point

Battle of Gettysburg- July 1863 – Union victory - Massive casualties Battle of Vicksburg- July 1863 – Vicksburg = confederate stronghold – Union victory Grant's victory in Chattanooga – September 1863 Important railroad center in Tenn. - Union wins after weeks of fighting



1864 → Approaching the End

General Sherman

- Siege of Atlanta: captured last rail line in and Confederates forced to leave
- March to the Sea: 60,000 troops destroyed
 Southern landscape from Atlanta to Savannah
 Total War weakened enemy on all fronts

Election of 1864

- Lincoln won re-election (with Andrew Johnson a pro-Union democrat from Tennessee)
- 13th Amendment: officially abolished slavery in the United States

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1865- The End

Petersburg- 1865 - Grant laid siege to the city (cut supplies to the capital – Richmond) Southern Surrender- April 9, 1865 Lee tried to escape Richmond, but was surrounded Surrendered at Appomattox Court House in VA - Generous terms of surrender- turn over weapons & leave Lincoln's Assassination- April 14, 1865