

Civil War Timeline: 1860-1865

1860

- **November – Lincoln elected President**
- **December – South Carolina leaves the Union**

February, 1861

- **Confederacy is formed (SC, GA, Alabama, TX, FL, Mississippi, Louisiana) and Jefferson Davis is elected President of the Confederacy.**

April through May, 1861

- **April – Ft. Sumter is attacked – Civil War begins**
- **April through May – 4 more states join the Confederacy (VA, NC, Arkansas, Tennessee)**

July, 1861

- **First Battle of Bull Run**
- **The North heads toward Richmond but is turned back**
- **Stonewall Jackson gets his nickname here**

April, 1862

- **Battle of Shiloh**
- **Union Army is not able to permanently divide the South in two**

August, 1862

- **Second Battle of Bull Run – The North is still not any closer to Richmond.**

September, 1862

- **Battle of Antietam**
- **Single, bloodiest day in American History**
- **South loses ¼ of its troops**
- **Lincoln fires McClellan because he did not follow the South**

January, 1863

- **Emancipation Proclamation takes effect**
- **May – Battle of Chancellorsville and the Battle of Vicksburg begins**
- **July – Battle of Gettysburg and the end of the Battle of Vicksburg**

November, 1863

- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

September – December 1864

- Sherman's famous "March to the Sea"
- Atlanta to Savannah
- After December, Sherman heads North to help Grant

May 1864 – April 1865

- Battleground: Virginia
- Grant takes on Lee
- April 2, 1865 – Union Army gains Richmond
- April 9, 1865 – Lee surrenders at Appomattox Courthouse (VA)

The End of the Civil War

NOW WHAT?