

1861-1865  
**The Civil War**

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**Focus Questions**

- What social and political changes were created by the unprecedented nature and scale of the Civil War?
- What were the major military campaigns of the war?
- How important was the end of slavery to the war efforts of North and South?

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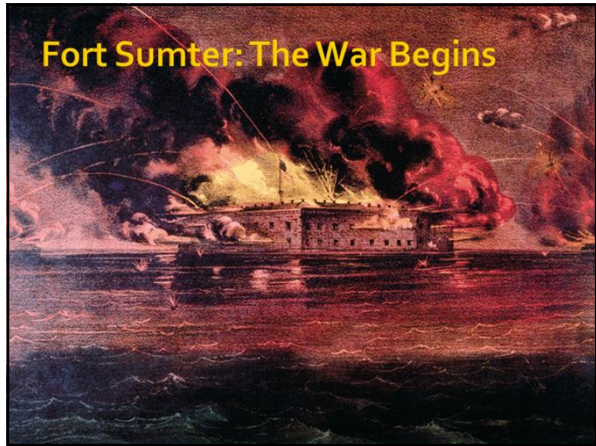
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## Relative Strengths of North & South

- On paper, the Union seemed to enjoy an overwhelming material advantage.
- The North
  - a war of conquest with untrained troops.
- The South
  - Confident they had
    - military leadership
    - productive capacity
    - international demand for cotton on their side

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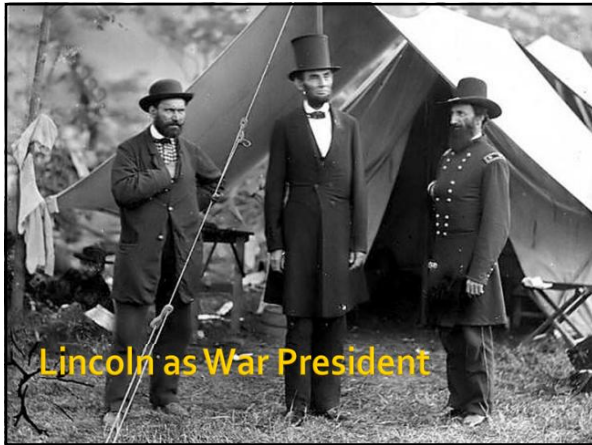
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Lincoln as War President

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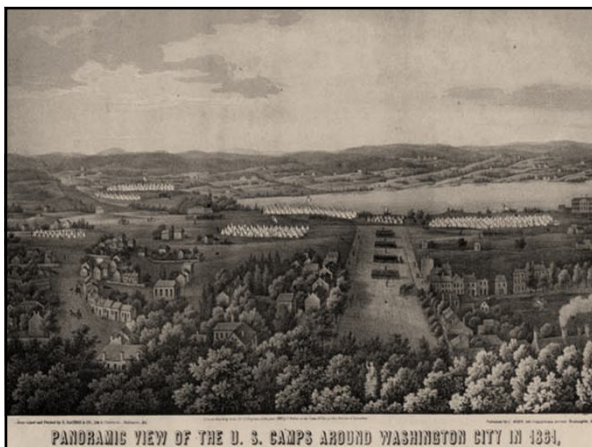
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PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE U. S. CAMPS AROUND WASHINGTON CITY IN 1861.

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### Diplomatic Objectives

- Lincoln was further challenged by the potential foreign recognition of the Confederacy.
- Nonbelligerence helped keep Great Britain and France neutral, including accepting a temporary French incursion into Mexico that violated the Monroe Doctrine.

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### Confederate President Jefferson Davis



- Needed to forge a nation out of eleven states
  - lacked Lincoln's political skill
- Micro-manage the war
  - Lost public confidence needed to build support for the sacrifices required by war.

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## Confederate Disappointments

- In diplomacy, southern hopes for foreign recognition failed because Great Britain and France did not recognize the Confederate government
- The Confederate economy faltered as finances were in disarray with runaway inflation.

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## The Confederate Draft



**SUBSTITUTE NOTICES.**

**W**ANTED—A SUBSTITUTE for a conscript, to serve during the war. Any good man over the age of 20 years, not a resident of Virginia, or a foreigner, may hear of a good situation by calling at Mr. GEORGE BAGBY'S office, Shockoe Slip, to-day, between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M. (Jy 9-11\*) A. COUNTRYMAN.

**W**ANTED—Two SUBSTITUTES—one for artillery, the other for infantry or cavalry service. Also, to sell, a trained, thoroughbred cavalry HORSE. Apply to DR. BROOKS, Corner Main and 12th streets, or to T. T. BROOKS, Petersburg, Va. (Jy 9-11\*)

**W**ANTED—Immediately, a SUBSTITUTE. A man over 35 years old, or under 18, can get a good price by making immediate application to Room No. 50, Monument Hotel, or by addressing "J. W.," through Richmond P. O. (Jy 9-11\*)

**W**ANTED—A SUBSTITUTE, to go into the 20th North Carolina State troops, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply to me at Dispatch office this evening at 6 o'clock P. M. (Jy 9-11\*) R. R. MOORE.

**W**ANTED—A SUBSTITUTE, to go in a first-rate Georgia company of infantry, under the heroic Jackson. A gentleman whose health is impaired, will give a fair price for a substitute. Apply immediately at ROOM, No. 13, Post-Office Department, third story, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock. (Jy 9-11\*)

**W**ANTED—Two SUBSTITUTES for the war. A good bonus will be given. None need apply except those exempt from Conscription. Apply today at GEORGE L. HERRING'S Grocery store, No. 23 Main St. (Jy 9-11\*)

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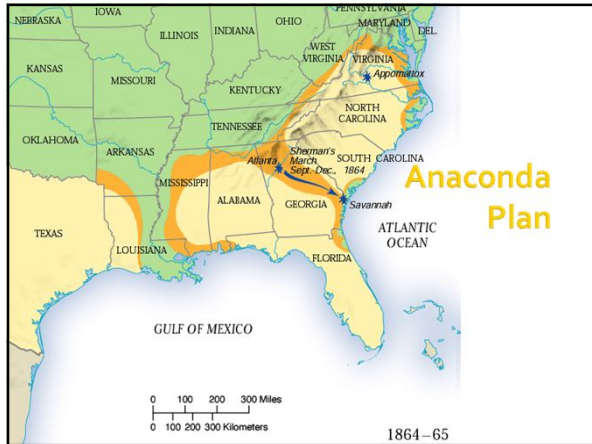
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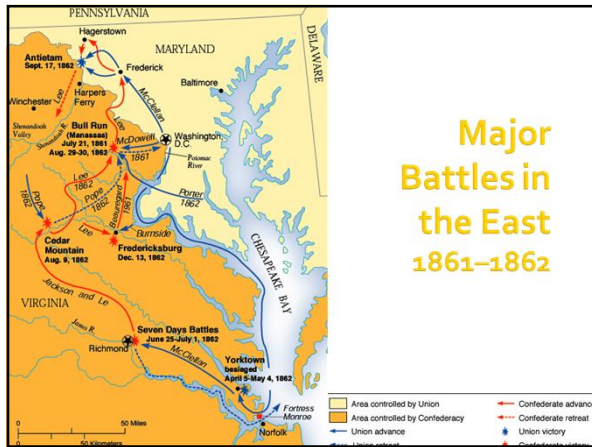
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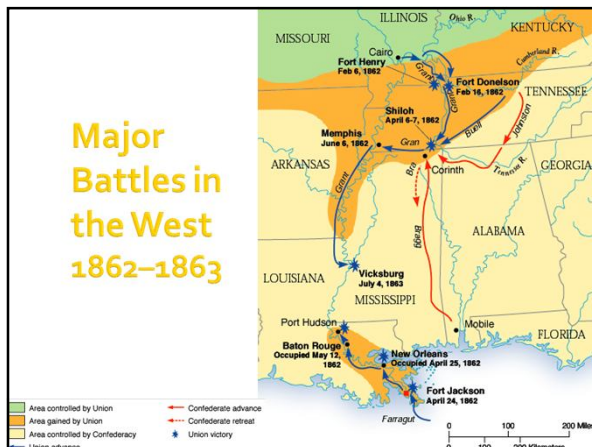
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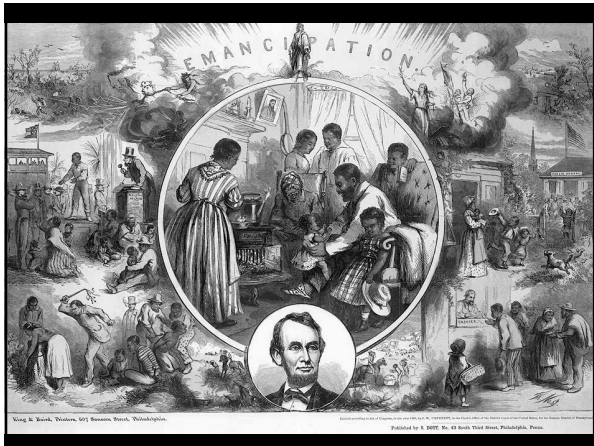
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**The Toll of War**

- New firearms technology brought more accurate and, hence, more deadly weapons.
- Conventional tactics called for massive assaults that brought huge casualties.
- Medical ignorance and disease also contributed to heavy casualty rates.

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The Life of the Common Soldier

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### Wartime Politics

- Union home front
  - Democratic Party divided
    - War Democrats
    - Peace Democrats, or "Copperheads"
  - Democrats criticized
    - centralization of power
    - efforts towards emancipation.
- Copperhead leaders urged negotiated peace and alliance between western Democrats and southerners.
- Lincoln declared martial law
  - arrest of 13,000 people
- Lincoln also had to cope with radicals and conservatives within his own party.

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## Northern Economic & Social Strains

- War stimulated northern economy
  - not all industries profited.
- \$1 billion in government contracts
  - profiteers flourished.
- Inflation outpaced wages
- Workers formed unions
  - manufacturers hired strikebreakers
    - many of whom were African American
    - exacerbating racial tensions.
- Lower-class whites resented the Union draft that allowed conscripts to buy their way out for \$300

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## Failure of Southern Nationalism

- Class resentment
- High inflation
- 1865
  - food riots
- Desertion rates
- Slaves
  - increasingly disobedient
  - one-quarter fled to Union lines.
- Peace movements

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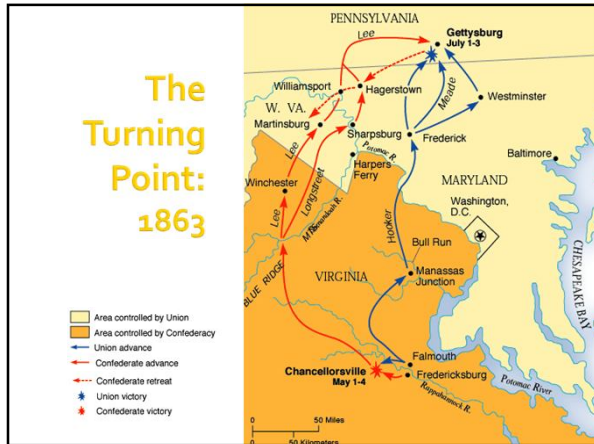
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## Gettysburg Address

*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here*



*gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not 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 what 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, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

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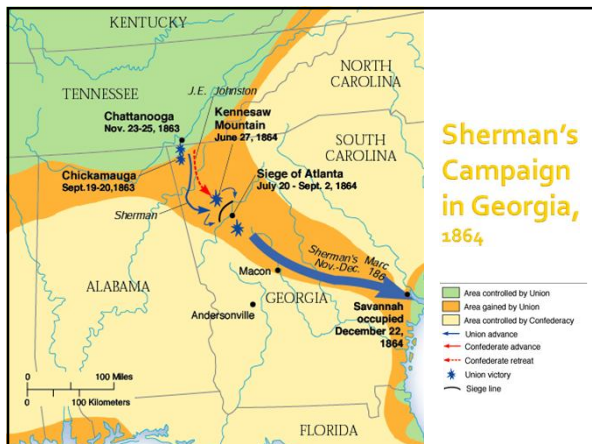
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## The 1864 Election

- Lincoln did not like his own chances for re-election in 1864 because:
  - his party was divided;
    - the Democrat, General George McClellan, was a war hero who proclaimed the war a failure.
  - Sherman's capture of Atlanta on September 1st helped turn the tide.
  - Lincoln won fifty-five percent of the vote and secured a mandate for his policy of unconditional surrender.



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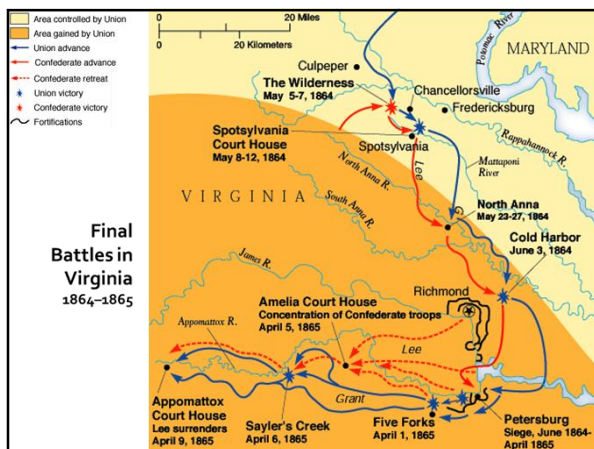
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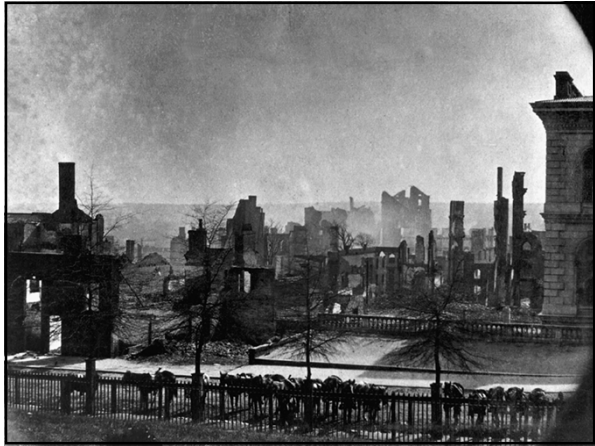
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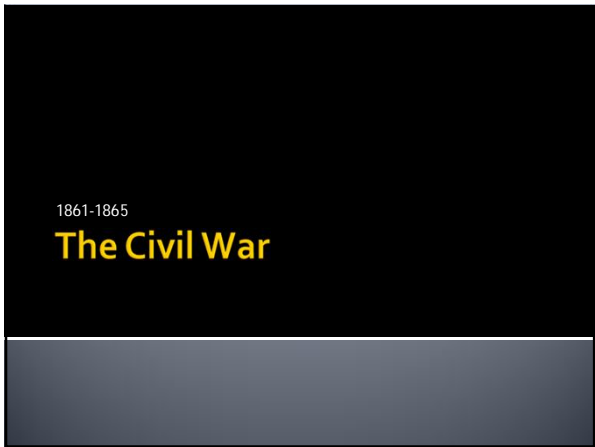
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