

The American Civil War was fought between the southern states and the northern states.

On November 6th, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th United States President. He wanted to put an end to slavery. The southern states did not want him to make laws that affected them.

South Carolina became the first state to secede, or leave, the United States on December 20, 1860. They decided to make their own country. Several other states joined them within a few months including Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana.

Southern States formed the Confederate States of America on February 9, 1861. Jefferson Davis is named their president.

The south attacked Fort Sumter on April 12 1861, starting the Civil War.

More states left the Union within a short time. These included Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Throughout 1861 and 1862, there were many major battles between the North and South. Several soldiers were killed or wounded.

Robert E. Lee was selected as the new general-in-chief of the Confederate armies on June 1, 1862.

President Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. It freed many slaves and laid the groundwork for the 13th Amendment.

General Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia on April 9, 1865.

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 15, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth while watching a play. Other Confederate troops surrender and war is over. Eventually the South rejoins the North.

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1. Who became the President of the United States in 1860?
 - a. Robert E. Lee
 - b. Ulysses S. Grant
 - c. Abraham Lincoln
 - d. Jefferson Davis
 2. Which state was the first to secede, or leave, the Union?
 - a. South Carolina
 - b. Virginia
 - c. North Carolina
 - d. Alabama
 3. Who became the President of the Confederate States?
 - a. Robert E. Lee
 - b. Jefferson Davis
 - c. Abraham Lincoln
 - d. Ulysses S. Grant
 4. Which of the following was NOT a southern state that seceded from the Union?
 - a. Georgia
 - b. Texas
 - c. Mississippi
 - d. Kentucky
 5. What was Robert E. Lee's role in the Civil War?
 - a. He was the general-in-chief of the Confederate Army
 - b. He was the president of the United States of America
 - c. He was the general-in-chief of the United States Army
 - d. He became the U.S. President after Lincoln was killed
 6. Which of the following events occurred first in the Civil War?
 - a. President Lincoln gave the Emancipation Proclamation
 - b. President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth
 - c. The Confederacy and Union fought at Fort Sumter
 - d. The Confederacy and Union fought at Appomattox Court House