

The Civil War

1861

The first state to secede was South Carolina...

Just so you know

The Democratic Party Split and the Republicans nominated Abe Lincoln, a moderate

He won by 40% though 10 states didn't vote =O he won November 6th

They called it the "greatest evil" in the south and SC held a convention to secede

Mississippi, Georgia, FL, SC, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana Secede

The revolution of 1860

FT. SUMTER

Troops down there with Anderson

Feb 18th Jefferson Davis took oath as president of confederate states

He didn't want to secede

Almost same constitution but no international slave trade

At inauguration Lincoln said, "In your hands, my dissatisfied country, is the conflict, not mine... We are friends, not enemies..."

4:30 AM April, 12 1861

Lincoln chose to send supplies

Peirce opened fire at FT Sumter

Anderson was his former instructor

The only casualty was a horse

THEN...

Lincoln chose to suspend constitution and arrested people Habeas Corpus

BULL RUN (MANASSAS)

Most named for bodies of water Bull Run Creek

First real battle

It was the first summer so no bloodshed yet

July 16 Union marched into Richmond under McDowell

Cut railroad in Manassas

22000 Troops under Beauregard

HQ in house of Wilbur McClaine he lived start and end place

Less than 25 miles away from Washington

People brought picnic baskets, champagne, and gathered to watch battle

Morning of 21st went into Bull Run

Union army was a monster

Jackson stood his ground like a "Stone Wall"

He was obsessed with religion and glory in battle

"Blue Light"

4:00 Beauregard counter attack ordered rebel yell

Reinforcements arrived

Union guns got tangled with carriages so close

Union skedaddled "Great Skedaddle"

People had limbs cut off

93 Casualties in regiment and 5000 in North

One prediction was that a person could wipe all the blood in the war with a hankie

Obviously long war for North end of war for South

Davis rejoiced and Lincoln Determined

Britain wondered why Beauregard didn't attack Washington

Slavery issue didn't allow Britain to side with south

Union called for more whites even though the slaves had more hatred towards the rebels

McClellan put as commander of army of Potomac

THEN...

War at sea because North wanted to blockade South but didn't have enough ships blockade runners could go through but it hurt the economy

Monitor vs. Merrimack March 9th 1862 Neither could sink the other but

Union kept Merrimack in the harbor so it didn't threaten North again

McClellan in command now McDowell fired

The army was chaos

Drills 8 hours a day

McClellan "could be dictator if he wished"

He was the Young Napoleon with 100000 untrained

Decided on three pronged attack

One army goes to Richmond

One takes rest of border states

Navy Takes Supplies from Confederacy "Thousand Mile Front"

McClellan trains but doesn't fight and claims he can "do it all"

All of Lincoln's guys were sure they could do a better job

The SOS wanted to replace Lincoln

SOT replace SOS

McClellan wouldn't fight fast enough but he called Lincoln a "well meaning baboon"

Lincoln asked to "borrow the army"

McClellan was ordered to fight but he didn't

Willy Lincoln died from fever

Training army 18 hours a day

The average soldier was 5'8" and 143 Lbs

"Unconditional Surrender Grant"

SHILOH: A VERY BLOODY AFFAIR April 6-7 1862

Union camped near church Shiloh so confederates wanted to attack before the reinforcements arrived

Jhonston dies

125 Rebels in a grave

2477 Men killed

23000 casualties in total more than all wars before combined

Learned what a bloody war it would be

Shiloh means Place of Peace

STONEWALL JACKSON

Photogs followed everywhere

in 1852 over 1 million enlisted farmers

The disasters in the east overshadowed the few wins

McClellan had no will to fight

Union was going to loose the war
No opportunity but emancipation needed
Darkest days since Bull Run
McClellan called for more troops

Jackson

"Always mystify, mislead, and surprise the enemy and when you strike ,
overcome him. Never let up the pursuit. Never fight against heavy odds if
you can hurl your force on only a part of the enemy and crush it. A small
army may thus destroy destroy a large one and repeated victory will
make it invincible."

Suffering meant nothing

Sucked on lemons

Religious

36 mile a day marches

He would never mail a letter that would be in transit on a Sunday

Untroubled by death

Duty is to pray and fight

Jackson had a map and surprised and killed 3 armies in 1/2 a dozen
places

Bigger armies than he had but he never gave up

Put pressure on Europe and cut 90% of cotton

SEVEN DAYS ANTIETAM

McClellan's troops divided by a flooded river

Fair Oaks Union lost 5000

Union Pines South lost 6000

"Army of Northern Virginia"

Stuart led 150 mi 3 day ride around McClellan's army

Lee observed McClellan's troops

Lee surprised by dividing force and attacked

McClellan lost 1500 men

7 days

5000 dead/wounded

All but one Union victories
McClellan treated them as defeats
Still retreated but Lee showed his strengths
Lee had the eerie ability to read opponents mind, surprise, and audacity
McClellan was out generated
Lincoln Sailed to his general
Needed 50000-100000 more men
Too many men

2ND BATTLE OF BULL RUN

Lincoln replaced McClellan with Pope
So often bragged his HQ in saddle
"A liar and a general may make a good general"
Pope attacked but it was a disaster
Lincoln sent pope to Wisconsin and put McClellan back
A Union soldier found Lee's notes in Maryland
McClellan could destroy Lee but wasted 18 crucial hours
Antietam was a creek

ANTIETAM

Most photos at this place
Bloodiest day in the war
The rebels countercharged 15 times and 224 men were lost
The rebels fled into the woods and Jackson sent in the last reserve
The slain lay in rows just as they had been standing the minute before
8000 men
Jackson's lined held
Jackson was just eating a peach and said, "G-d has been good to us today."
Union struck in the sunken road
"Bloody Lane"
McClellan decided it would not be prudent to continue
3rd Battle
Union led by Burnside

Barley 400 men vs. 12500

It took three hours to cross the creek

Union victory seemed certain

No ground was gained

Bloodiest day in history

21108 dead

Lee lost 1/4 of his army

McClellan didn't attack and could have won the war

Lincoln came to watch the troops

Permanently replaced McClellan

EMANCIPATION

Lincoln reinstated U.S. Grant

Vicksburg was the "nail that holds the south"

Grant failed at taking it

Invasion at Maryland fails

Five days after Antietam

Proclamation said on September 22, 1862 and would take affect on Jan 1st 1863

Made the war no longer just about politics and brought new life to the soldiers

England and France now wouldn't be on the right side of history if they helped the south

In December Lincoln talked to the congress

On the 31st abolitionists gathered to wait for the affect

FREDRICKSBURG

Burnside tried to be the opposite of McClellan

75000 with Lee are in the hills

December 11 Union shells set most of town on fire

Union looted the town

December 13 Federal forces went into the heights

Lee, "I can't believe the Union would be so foolish"

Four lines of riflemen waited behind the wall

Brigade after brigade charged and fell

Tactics not with technologies

The strategy was pure suicide

14 assaults 9000 fell

Union was brave

Lee, "It is well that war is so terrible, we should grow too fond of it."

Means that war brings out courage

Burnside resigns weeping

Northern lights "a sign from g-d"

Soldier says that until the Union has good generals it is useless to fight battles

Union lost 12600

South lost 5300

South sees damage

CHANCELLORSVILLE LEE'S MASTERPIECE

Joseph Hooker replaced Burnside

"May g-d have mercy on general Lee, because I will have none. My plans are perfect." -Hooker

70000 reached Chancellorsville

Lee divided his already small army and left some at Fredricksburg

Fighting had hardly begun and Hooker went back to defense

Sent on 14 mile march

Hooker thought Jackson had left

Union troops were relaxing when deer ran through camp

South attacked

Lee won surprise

Lee's masterpiece

Jackson wanted to fight longer but dark came

Wanted a night attack

His own Confederate company fired on him by mistake and he had to have his arm amputated then died the next day

"He may have lost his left arm but I have lost my right."-Lee

Hooker lost 17000 men

"My g-d, my g-d, what will the country say?"-Lincoln

Costliest victory 13000

Jackson seemed to be getting better but died May 10th

"Good, very good, I always wanted to die on a Sunday."

"Cross over the river, and let us watch under the shade of the trees."

Last words of Jackson

Lincoln needed a general

Vicksburg key to Mississippi

Grant came from behind and attacked the city

Grant's army marched 180 miles won 5 battles

May 19th Grant wanted to out camp the enemy

Siege

On May 13 Davis summoned Lee

South should attack Virginia Lincoln to sue for peace

Lee moved North

VICKSBURG

Grants and boats have been attacking town since May and blocking supplies from it

They didn't surrender they ate horses and dogs

No more newsprint

People just dodged shells

On 4th of July Grant won

Mississippi now Union

4th of July not celebrated in Vicksburg for 81 years... grudge much?!

GETTYSBURG JULY 1ST 2ND and 3RD

Hooker replaced with Meade

Greatest battle fought in the Western hemisphere

Battle over shoes

Rebels wanted the supply of shoes in Gettysburg

North fought desperately but retreated to cemetery

Lee chose Pickett though he wasn't trained well

Artillery fired and tore men apart during lunch

30 killed

Union fired back but their guns fell silent because they were running low on ammo

Lure enemy

Pickett's charge men

Takes more courage to say no

3:00 3 Divisions 13000 men

Forbidden to fire or yell

Calm

Good targets

"Beautiful thing"

Artillery opened fire and couldn't help but hit men every time

10 destroyed by one shell

Entire regiments disappeared

Men not 5 feet apart

Confederate leader wanted to fly sword but he was killed

Lee would never go north

Lee's finest moment, "This is all my fault."

51000 men lost

North 23000 men

South 28000 men

Houses covered in blood

Retreated to Virginia

Refused to attack Lee's retreating army

Another chance for destroying South gone

Lee had no men left to fight

Lee offered to resign in letter to Davis but it wasn't accepted

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Nov 19 1863

Edward Everett spoke for two hours

Two minute speech Lincoln says something that means the most

He said that dead should not have died in vain

REST OF WAR

Grant takes over

Wins battles at Richmond and places

Grant made siege at Petersburg

Sherman convinced Grant to let him march to the sea

Men just destroyed things

Saw prisoners and were furious

Known as total war

APPOMATTOX SURRENDER

Lee says that further resistance is hopeless

Lee surrendered put letter in white flag

Few said hurrah but most cried

Wilbur McClain let them use his house

Grant was simple and awe inspiring and Lee was dressed magnificently

Lee wore finest uniform and Grant wore dirty borrowed uniform

Grant was sad for the loosing south

Talked like friends and Grant remembered Lee from Mexican war and they respect each other

Lee reminded of what they were supposed to do

Sad moment with reasonable terms

Confederates keep personal possessions

Grant gave Lee 15000 rations

Union cheered and Grant made them stop

Men cheered for Lee

Chamberland ordered salute "Americans to Americans"

Fireworks in Washington

ASSASSINATION

4th anniversary of FT Sumter

Re raised flag

Booth was going to go into the fords theatre and kill everyone

Our American Cousin

Waited for laughter and then shot the president
Jumped on stage and broke his leg
Shouted Virginia's motto or said "South is avenged"
They carried Lincoln to a boarding house
He was calm and doctors could do nothing
Mary wept
Paine stabbed the SOS Steward
VP wasn't killed
7:22 April 15 1865 56 years old
Dead
First President murdered
Buried in Springfield
Willy buried with him and the bodies traveled 1662 miles
Lincoln's body lay in Independence Hall where he said, "I would rather be
assassinated than stop constitution."
His step mother knew something bad would happen to him
MORE STUFF
Soldiers killed Booth
Hands raised and said "Useless Useless"
May 10 Davis imprisoned
May 13 1865 a Texas man became last man killed in war
Army of Potomac marched for 6 hours
Custard stole the show on his horse and Sherman got the loudest cheer
4 hanged and 8 guilty from Lincoln assassination including Mae who
owned the meeting house
Slaves did not win freedom as they understood it
4000000 freed but freedom wasn't given
Slaves stayed as hired hands
Still had white supremacy and it took 100 years for voting rights
We think we are so smart and superior, but the war in the first place
wasn't smart at all...
