

## Differences Between the Northern and Southern States

- The northern states (industrialized communities) wanted any new state created from the western territories to become a "free state," while the southern states (agricultural communities) wanted any new state in the western territories to become a "slave state."
- The economy in the northern United States was more industrialized, while in the southern region, it was agricultural and relied more on slave labor.

## People and Events Leading to Secession and the Civil War

- **Nat Turner**
  - Nat Turner and his small band of fellow slaves led a rebellion against slave owners in the south
- **Harriet Tubman**
  - Supported a secret route that helped enslaved people gain their freedom; it became known as the "Underground Railroad."
- **John Brown**
  - He led a raid on the United States Armory (Arsenal) at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He was trying to start a slave rebellion. He was captured and hanged.
- **Abraham Lincoln**
  - Elected as president of the United States in 1860
  - Southern states decided to secede (separate) from the United States and form the confederacy because they did not agree with his views
- **Battle at Fort Sumter** (South Carolina)
  - The conflict began at Fort Sumter in 1861.
- **Creation of West Virginia** (1863)
  - Conflict grew between the people living in the eastern and western counties of Virginia. The people living in the eastern counties relied on the enslaved people. The people living in the western counties were against slavery.
  - After many disagreements between these two regions, the western counties of Virginia chose to form the new state of West Virginia.

## Which major Civil War battles were fought in Virginia?

- **First Battle of Bull Run or Manassas**
  - The first Battle of Bull Run (or Manassas) was the first major clash of the Civil War in Virginia.
  - Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and his men played a major role.
- **Sea Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack**
  - President Abraham Lincoln used the Union Navy to blockade southern seaports
  - A key sea battle between two ironclad ships, the Monitor (Union) and the Merrimack (Confederate), took place in Virginia waters near Norfolk and Hampton.
  - The battle was fought to a draw

- **Battle of Fredericksburg**
  - General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, defeated the Union troops there.
- **Battle of Richmond**
  - Richmond was the capital city of the Confederacy.
  - Union General Ulysses S. Grant captured Richmond
  - The fire spread out of control and destroyed at least half of the city.
- **The Civil War Ended (April 9, 1865)**
  - The Civil War ended at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, where Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in April, 1865

## Who were some of the leaders of the Civil War?

- **Ulysses S. Grant (Union/Northern states)**
  - He was the Commander-in-Chief of the Union army in the Civil War.
  - He received Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.
- **General Robert E. Lee (Confederacy/Southern states)**
  - He chose to command the Army of Northern Virginia (Confederacy) and defeated Union troops at Fredericksburg, Virginia.
  - After a long fought war, he surrendered on April 9, 1865 to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.
- **Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (Confederacy/Southern States)**
  - He was a Confederate General in the Civil War.
  - At the First Battle of Bull Run or Manassas, he played a major role in this battle.

## Varied Roles of White Virginians, Enslaved African Americans, Free African Americans, and American Indians during the Civil War

- Most white Virginians supported the Confederacy.
- Enslaved African Americans were forced by their owners to continue to raise crops in the fields and to provide labor for the Confederate Army.
- Some free African Americans felt their limited civil rights would best be protected by supporting the Confederacy.
- Most American Indians did not take sides during the Civil War.