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The Civil War Begins

Division Between North and South

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- The North was less dependent on slavery due to an industrial economy.
- The South asserted they needed slavery due to having an agrarian economy dependent on harvesting crops.

Division leads to Secession

- The South feared the federal government would attempt to overpower the state governments and eventually abolish slavery.
- After Lincoln was elected, South Carolina was the first state to leave the union by seceding in December of 1860.
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The President of the Divided States

- On March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was sworn in as President.
- Lincoln came at night to D.C. for the protection of his safety. He claimed there would be no conflict unless the South provoked the North to fight.
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Why can't the South just leave?

- The national debt was jointly held by the states. If the South left, the North would be left with all the debt.
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- The South made money off other nations by selling cotton. The North would lose this revenue for taxes and other economic purposes.

Union and Confederate Forces Clash

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- The Northern Union had many advantages in the Civil War. They had more people (called the law of attrition), industrialization, and better railroads.
- The Southern advantages included "home field advantage" in their region, skilled arms men, talented generals, and the profitable cash crop of cotton.

The Northern Battle Plan

- **FIRST**, the North wanted to **blockade** Southern ports to deprive the South of outside goods and profitable trade.
- **SECOND**, the Union wanted to control the Mississippi River to "split the South" and control the trade and travel of the body of water.
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