

The Long Road to a Union Victory

Chapter 4
Lesson 3

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African Regiments

- Not allowed to fight in the Civil War at the beginning.
- Formed their own regiments to fight for the Union.
- Congress agreed to let them enlist
- 186,000 enlisted
- Not paid as well as white soldiers
- Given poor equipment
- Threatened by the confederate soldiers

Grant Leads the Union

- Ulysses S. Grant....a great general
- Educated at West Point
- Fought in war with Mexico
- Made quick decisions in battle
- Unconditional Surrender

Grant's Most Important Battle

- Vicksburg, Mississippi
- Surrounded and lay siege to the city.
- Starved the people into surrender
- Key Victory
- Gave Union control of the Mississippi River
- Lincoln gave Grant command of ALL Union troops!

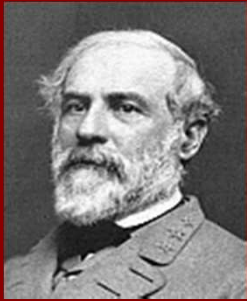
Gettysburg

- Pennsylvania
- Robert E. Lee was invading
- One of the most important Union victories
- Over 7,000 soldiers died
- November 19, 1863 Lincoln dedicated the cemetery.
- Less than 3 minutes, but became the most famous speech in history.

The March to the Sea

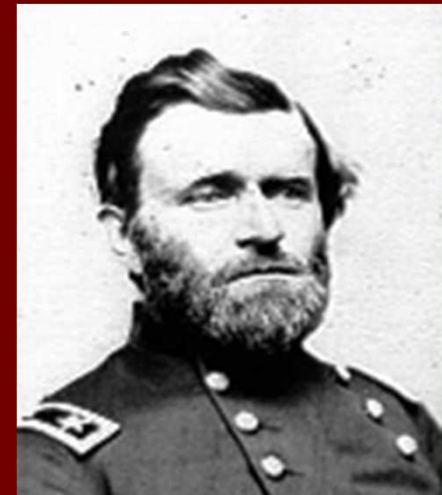
- Union General Sherman led army south from Tennessee into Georgia
- Pushed to Atlanta, the railroad center of the South
- Much of Georgia Burned to the ground
- Goal was to destroy everything that could help the South in the war
- Burned homes, stores, crops, animals, bridges, railroad tracks....everything!
- Savannah fell to the Union on Dec. 22, 1864





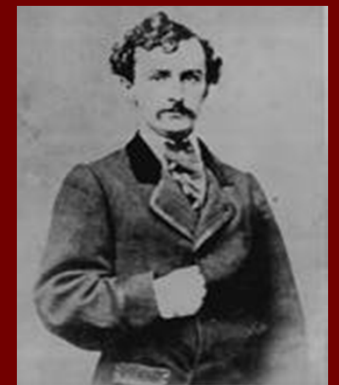
Lee Surrenders

- Lee's Confederate troops
- Starving and clothes were rags
- Trapped
- Forced to surrender at the Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865
- Grant's Union troops
- Well-fed and well supplied
- Surrounded the Confederate soldiers
- **THE WAR WAS OVER!**



One More Tragic Death

- Abraham Lincoln did not live to see peace
- Five days after the surrender, Lincoln was shot and killed
- Watching a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.
- John Wilkes Booth, an actor, assassinated the President.
- The entire country was saddened



The Capture of Booth

- **Booth asked for time to decide. Finally, after some more give and take with the soldiers, Booth yelled, "Well, my brave boys, you can prepare a stretcher for me! I will never surrender"**













