


# Part II: The Civil War

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## Fort Sumter

- 1861 – The first shots of the war are fired
- Blockaded by the South → Lincoln sends food → Davis attacks before it gets there




## Prediction...

- Most people thought this would be a short and decisive conflict...
- Clearly Nostradamus had not weighed in!




## Advantages



**North**

- More troops
  - Double the population
- More resources
  - Food, weapons
- More infrastructure
  - Especially railroads
- Established government



**South**

- On the defensive
  - "home field" advantage
- Skilled Generals
- Skilled and motivated soldiers
- Cut off cotton from the North

## Strategies



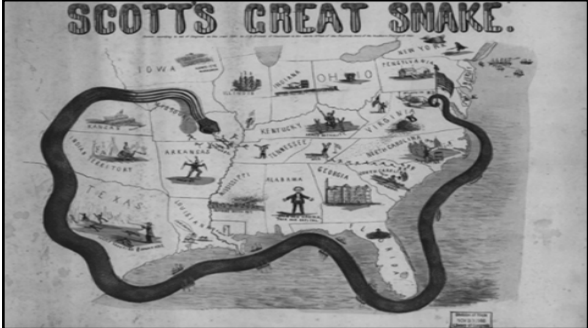
**North**

- Winfield Scott's "Anaconda Plan"
  - Blockade Southern Coast
  - Take Confederate capitol of Richmond, VA
  - Shut down the Mississippi River



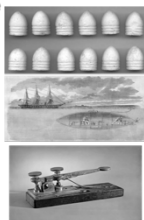
**South**

- Fight defensively
- Protect our sovereignty
- Let them come to us...
- Invade when convenient



### Changes in Technology

- New weapons → more carnage
  - Rifled bullets → → → → → → → →
  - Submarines → → → → → → → →
  - Telegram → → → → → → → →



### First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas)

- July of 1861
- 1<sup>st</sup> major battle
- Won by the Confederacy
- Confederate General Thomas Jackson earns the nickname "Stonewall"
- Result:
  - Proved that both sides were in for a long and costly war

### Important Leaders

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| <p><b>Union (North)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ General Ulysses S. Grant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Top Union General</li> <li>■ Relentless and successful</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ General William T. Sherman                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Grant's right hand man</li> <li>■ "War is Hell"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Confederacy (South)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ General Robert E. Lee                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Top General of the Confederate Army</li> <li>■ Successful – Best Tactician</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lee's right hand man</li> <li>■ Killed in battle</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### Review Checkpoint

- Why did Lincoln send food to blockaded Fort Sumter?
- Who had the advantage in troop numbers? Military leadership?
- What were the three points of Scott's Anaconda plan for Northern victory?