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## Civil War- The Two Sides

### The South (Confederates)

7 States originally left the Union: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

Jefferson Davis was named the President of the Confederacy.

At President Lincoln's inauguration on March 4, 1861, the new President said he had no plans to end slavery in those states where it already existed, but he also said he would not accept secession. He hoped to resolve the national crisis without warfare.

On April 12, 1861 the Civil War began with shots fired at Fort Sumter.

The attack on Fort Sumter prompted 4 more states to secede from the Union (totaling 11):

Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina

The state of West Virginia was born when residents of the western counties in Virginia did not wish to secede along with the rest of the state.

Richmond, Virginia was named the Confederate Capital.

The South had the key advantage of fighting a defensive war: it was up to the North to attack and defeat the South-if it did not the Confederacy would become a separate country.

The South, however, had some weaknesses:

- 1) It had few factories to produce weapons and other vital supplies.
- 2) It had few railroads to move troops and supplies
- 3) It had a small population (Only about 9 million- of which 1/3 was slaves- compared to 22 million in the Union). This resulted in fewer people eligible to become soldiers to support the war effort.

## The North (Union)

23 states fought in the war on the Union side.

4 “slave” states fought for the Union:

Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri

The President of the Union was Abraham Lincoln.

Some advantages of the North were:

- 1) It had almost four times as many free citizens as the South. Thus, it had a large source of volunteers to be used as troops.
- 2) It had many people to work in factories making supplies (weapons).
- 3) It had more than 70% of the nation’s rail lines.
- 4) It had a strong navy.

Despite these advantages, the North faced a difficult military challenge. To bring the South back into the Union, northern soldiers had to conquer a huge area.