1860 – Lincoln’s Election

1860 – 7 states secede the Union

1861 - Ft. Sumter -SC

1861 – 4 more states secede the Union

1861 – Bull Run/Manassas – Va – 1st major engagement – ended the idea of a 90 day war

1862 – Shiloh – Tn – Grant’s counterattack on the Confederate army helped solidify Union control of the west

1862 – Antietam – Md – Lee’s first fight in the North – one of the bloodiest battles of the war and US history – over 22,000 casualties

1863 – Emancipation Proclamation

1863 – Chancellorsville – Va – Gen. Lee split his army in two w/ Gen. Stonewall Jackson to surround Gen. Hooker’s Union army – Stonewall Jackson killed by friendly fire

1863 – Gettysburg – Pa – Lee’s 2nd fight in the North – massive 3 day battle that led to over 50,000 casualties – Pickett’s Charge into Union army caused over 6,000 casualties – Union victory/turning pt of war

1863 – Vicksburg – Ms – fell to Union same day as Gettysburg – gave North control over entire Mississippi River

1864 – Sherman’s March to the Sea – Ga – Sherman destroyed Atlanta, made a 60 mile wide path of destruction to Savannah then turned to the Carolinas – “Total War” – broke the spirits and will of many southerners to fight

1864 – Wilderness – Va – Grant used superior numbers to wear down Lee’s army – tremendous casualties (Grant accused of being a “butcher”) – Lee’s army was unable to break off to stop Gen. Sherman

1865 – Appomattox Courthouse – Va – Gen. Lee surrenders to Gen. Grant – ending the Civil War

1865 – Lincoln is assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at Ford’s Theater in Washington, D.C.