1861

- The "Anaconda Plan"—strangle the South
- Union: East—Gen. McClellan West—Gen. Grant
- McClellan trains army well, but is too cautious and slow
- Union troops not able to capture Richmond

1862

At sea:

- Union blockade is successful throughout the war
- Conf. "blockade runners" try to smuggle items past the Union ships
- The battle of the ironclads Monitor (U) and the Merrimack (C)--tie