

A Nation Divides

The Election of 1860

- Democrat party splits
- Constitutional Union party forms
- Republican candidate--Lincoln
- Lincoln wins

The South Reacts

- Fear of not having a voice in gov't
- No one wants to compromise
- Dec. 1860--S.Carolina secedes
- By Feb. 1861, 6 more states secede
- Confederate States of America is formed; Jefferson Davis elected President

The Civil War Begins

- Lincoln says secession is illegal but won't start a war
- Confederates seize several federal forts in South
- Union holds Ft. Sumter in S.C.-- Confederates attack, Union forces surrender (April 13, 1861)