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The Splintering of the Democrats

- Until 1859/60, the Democrats had escaped the worst of sectional conflict within the party.
- Stephen Douglas, leader of the Northern Democrats seemed predestined to win the 1860 presidential elections.
- However, between the Dred Scott decision and the 1860 nomination process, many Southern Democrats came to reject any limits on slavery at all.
- Since Stephen Douglas still supported popular sovereignty, he only gained the nomination of the Northern Democrats (The Freeport Doctrine cost him Southern support).
- The far stronger Southern Democrats nominated John C. Breckinridge instead.
- This decision, along with the 1860 election, *de facto* transformed the Democrats into a sectional Southern party, just like the Republicans were a sectional Northern party.

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Yet there remained Northern Democrats

- NYC Draft (Race) Riots
- Copperheads
- Border States
- As usual—it was a poor man's war
- Brother vs. Brother, Father vs. Son
- King Cotton (Textile owners & workers)
- Racism
- But-still 90% of Union army is volunteer

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But "luckily" the Border States stay loyal

- Lincoln calls out Maryland militia to temporarily arrest Democratic state legislators
- Federal troops help state militia's put down pro-slavery forces in Missouri
- West Virginia is aided in its attempt to leave Va.

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The Advantages

The North	The South
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Weapons – Medicine – Clothing ❖ Transportation: the army marches on its stomach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defensive war: did not have to win – just outlast the North • Underdogs • Rural pop. • Foreign Aid????


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The Advantages

The North	The South
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population 3 times as large • Bread Basket • *LINCORN* • MONEY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stonewall Jackson – R.E. Lee – J.E.B Stuart – Johnston

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Confederate Government

- A confederation of 11 countries 
- Jeff Davis is weak and indecisive. Puts one leader from each state on his cabinet.

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- **CSA congress threatened to impeach him several times**
- **State armies refused to serve outside their borders**
- **States refuse to pay taxes-runaway inflation (9000%)**

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Union government

- **Lincoln totally in charge**
- **Exceeds the power of the presidency**
- **Suspends Habeas Corpus**

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- **Votes in border states were NOT by secret ballot**
- **Gave \$2 million to private citizens to supply the army w/ food, etc.**
- **Creates the 1st of the Millionaire Americans**
- **Lincoln Establishes an illegal Income Tax, later repealed**

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- **Sold almost \$3 BILLION in war bonds to finance the war.**
- **Set up the National Banking System 1863**
- **Morrill Tariff helps revive depression ridden manufacturing**
- **Gold flooding in from the west keeps economy booming**

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- **Factories boomed on government contracts**
 - **Armour and Swift: meatpacking deals**
 - **Coal mines to supply steam ships and RR's**
 - **Iron works to build RR's**
 - **McCormick reapers to harvest while farmers fought**

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England Stays Out

- **Almost declares war on US after Trent affair. Lincoln backs down.**
- **Needed northern wheat more than southern cotton (Egypt and India)**
- **But does "sell" Alabama class warships and Blockade "Laird Rams" runners to the South**
- **Britain does NOT protest Union blockade of English shipping**

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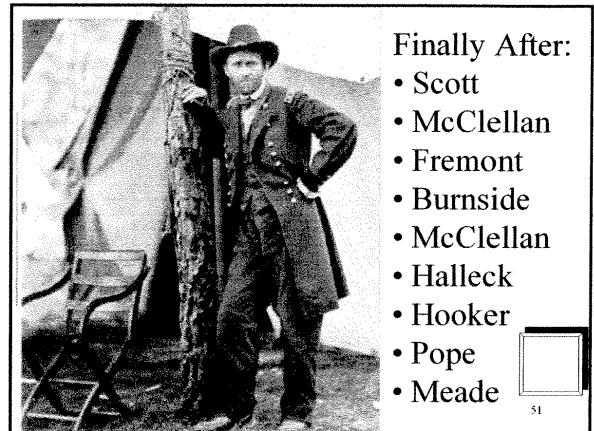
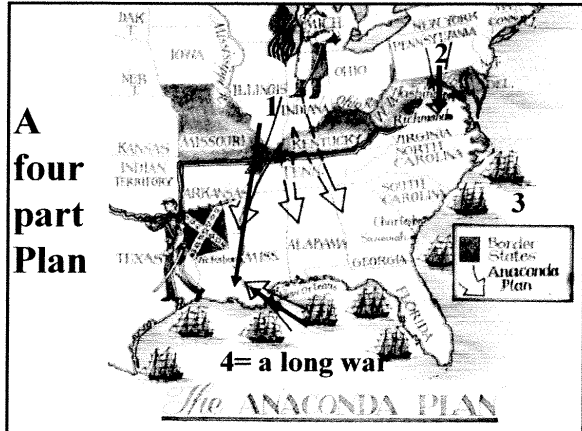
- **Uncle Tom's Cabin**
- **England Gives Canada more independence to keep them loyal**
- **Agrees to quit arming the South AFTER Antietam**

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FRANCE TAKES ADVANTAGE

- Napoleon III sends an army into Mexico
- Places Archduke of Austria Maximilian on the throne
- Violation of Monroe Doctrine
- 1865 US threaten war against the French puppet in Mexico

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The confederate Army

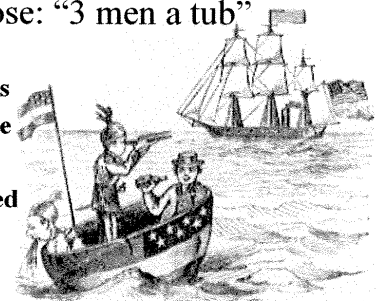
- Better fighters at first
- Better motivated at first (rebel yell)
- Napoleonic tactics worked at first
 - Shiloh
 - Shenandoah
 - Bull Run II
 - Chancellorsville
 - Antietam



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Cartoon of CSA Navy: Mother Goose: "3 men a tub"

- **Alabama Class highly effective**
- **Laird Rams Never delivered**



Antietam 1st “Turning Point

- France & England about to open negotiations with the South
- Found Lee’s battle plans
- Technically it was a “Draw”-with 30,000 dead
- Allowed Lincoln to issue a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on Sept/23rd 1862. The final proclamation was Jan 1st 1863
 - Freed no one
 - Stopped Eng. from helping the south (stopped delivery of Rams)
 - No chance for a peace treaty or the cont. of slavery
 - Made it a moral cause
 - More slaves ran to the North
 - Draft riots in NY

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CHANCELLORSVILLE

May 2nd -4th 1863

- Defeated impetuous Hooker
- Lee’s most brilliant battle
- Heavily outnumbered
- Jackson’s flanking tactic
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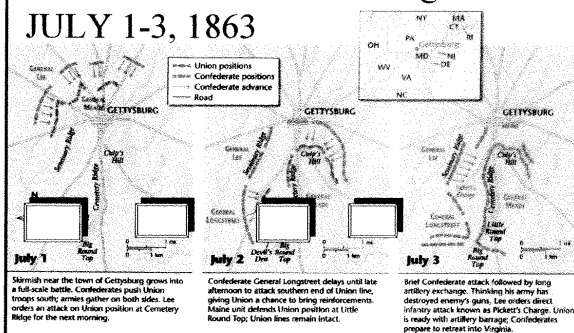
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Importance of Vicksburg

- Broke the South along Miss. R.
- Texas can no longer re-supply the South from Mexico
- Grant is given the Army of the Potomac
- Came 1 day AFTER Gettysburg victory
- Forever keeps England OUT

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GETTYSBURG: 3rd turning Point JULY 1-3, 1863



THE END OF THE SOUTH’S ABILITY TO ATTACK

Election of 1864

- McClellan gets Democratic nomination
- Lincoln runs on Union ticket
- Looks like a “Mac” victory until
 - Lincoln brings all soldiers home long enough to vote
 - Major Union victories at Atlanta and Mobile

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