I. Confederates Fire on Fort Sumter
   A. Lincoln’s Dilemma
      1. Dilemma = reinforce vs. union
      2. If reinforced, treating confederacy a legitimate nation
      3. Though, would anger Republican Party
      4. Endanger union
   B. First Shots
      1. Political maneuver
      2. “Food to Hungry”
      3. If he did nothing; be seen as sovereign
      4. Chose war; S. Carolina bombarded fort
   C. Virginia Secedes
      1. Fort Sumter falls
      2. Virginia secedes. April 17th
      3. Followed by Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina

II. Americans Expect a Short War
   A. Union and Confederate Strategies
      1. Union = better resources than South
      2. Had fighting power and better food production
      3. Confederacy has advantages too
      4. They had a strong military tradition
      5. but refused to fall to confederacy’s rules
   B. Bull run
      1. “Major first bloodshed, July 21st
      2. “You are green, it is true, but they are green also.”
      3. Jackson stood like stone wall, aka “Stonewall Jackson”
      4. Confederates won, reinforces came, union retreats

III. Union Armies in the West
   A. Fort Henry and Donelson
      1. Feb. 1862, union army invades western tennessee
      2. Ulysses S. Grant captures two confederates
      3. They were based on Fort Henry River
   B. Shiloh
      1. after victories, confederacy suprises union
      2. battle was at church by Shiloh
      3. mid battle confederacy retreats
      4. Union strategy may succeed
   C. Farragut on the Lower Mississippi
      1. union ship approach river’s mouth
      2. took control of Baton Rouge
      3. captured all major cities; mississippi, texas, louisiana, arkansas, and tennesse