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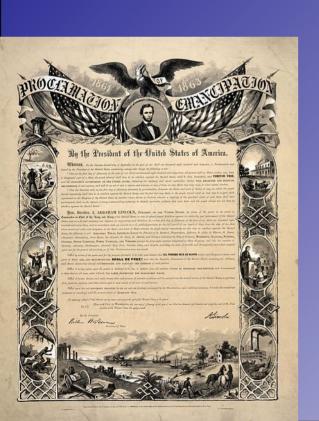
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Lincoln asked, "Can you tell me where he gets his whiskey?"

Grant's detractors replied, "We cannot, Mr. President. But why do you desire to know?"

Lincoln responded, "Because, if I can only find out, I will send a barrel of this wonderful whiskey to every general in the army...



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But then, three things happened:

1) Hooker's cavalry didn't actually end up
doing much of anything
2) Which meant that Lee could have
"Stonewall" Jackson outflank Hooker
and drive him back to Chancellorsville
Which is where Hooker received a

Which is where Hooker received a concussion, but still wouldn't relinquish command—making an increasing number of bad decisions in a row... (in Hooker, Lincoln had finally gotten a fighter—but what he needed was a <u>wise</u> fighter...)

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So, in a nutshell, Lee did everything right on the same day that Hooker did everything wrong
After that, Hooker resigned and was replaced by the seasoned Gen. George Meade—a quiet but intelligent former civil engineer
And in response to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the Confederate States of America declared it a capital offense for any black man to serve in the U.S. Army
Black soldiers were seen as a political ploy designed to foment insurrection in the South, and thus any black man found in uniform was to be summarily executed

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The pew system had been place for centuries—in fact, Richard Gough's famous 1701 book,

"A History of Myddle" (an English parish), used the local church pews as its structural outline



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(who couldn't afford the "good seats")
(Redfield even cited James 2:1-4—
"Don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?")

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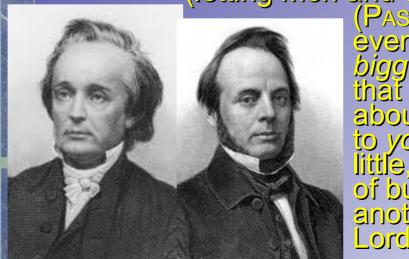
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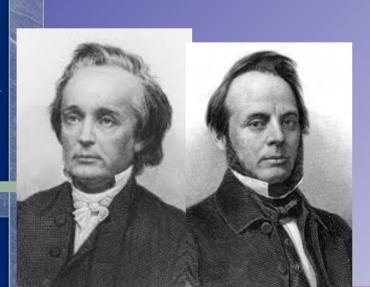
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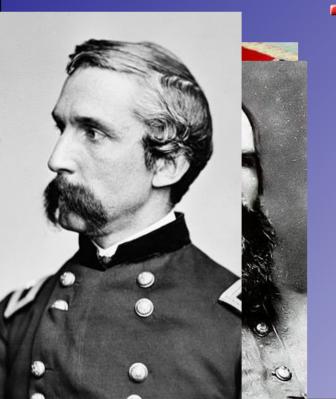
If he could make it to Philadelphia, he figured that he'd break the spirits of the Northerners—'cuz no one wants to fight in their own backyard

But the forward guard of the Army of Northern Virginia was stopped at Gettysburg by the Union cavalry, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Buford, who held them there long enough for support troops to arrive troops to arrive

But that also gave Lee time to bring in his whole army, including his master tactician, James Longstreet...



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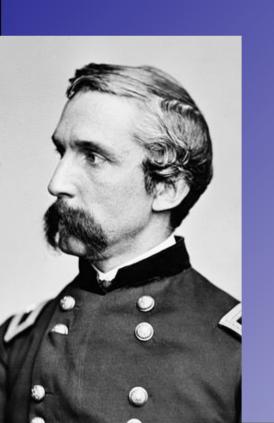
He's a college professor who taught Rhetoric classes who had gone to seminary in order to be a pastor and who loved languages and classical military history almost as much as he loved his faith-based abolitionism

(so, basically, me... with hair...)

(NOTE: Actually, a lot of soldiers were involved in the war because of their strong Christian faith—my maternal uncle is a Civil War historian, and he encouraged me to comment on how almost universally the soldiers' letters home were sprinkled with Bible verses, prayers, discussions of how much they appreciated their camp Bible studies and services, etc.)

(NOTE²: On my paternal side, one of my great³-uncles who served in the war wrote home about how he'd volunteered to fight for the freedom of how he'd volunteered to fight for the freedom of the slaves—since Christ was willing to die to give us freedom from sin, how could he do any less to shed his blood for his fellow man?)

(Chamberlain felt exactly the same way)



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So Chamberlain executed a maneuver that he'd only read about, and ordered a bayonet

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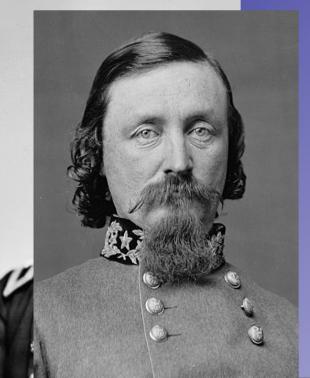
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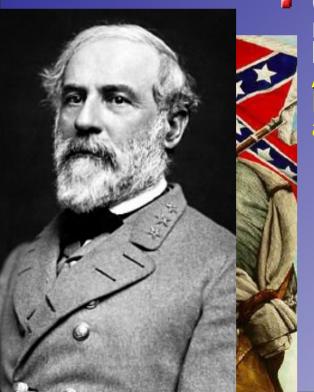
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• They came very close to breaking through, with the fighting coming down to brutal, close-quarter, hand-to-hand combat
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The Union lost 1,500 men in the charge but the Confederate casualty rate was 50%.
In less than an hour, the fighting was over as was Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania...



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They invited the greatest orator in the nation to speak—
Edward Everett (a former Representative, former Senator, former Presidential candidate, former Secretary of State, ordained minister, and president of Harvard University)

Everett gave an outstanding oration that lasted for two hours and kept his listeners utterly spellbound After he sat down, Abraham Lincoln got up and spoke for two minutes—sharing only ten sentences Everett later wrote to Lincoln and said, "I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes..."



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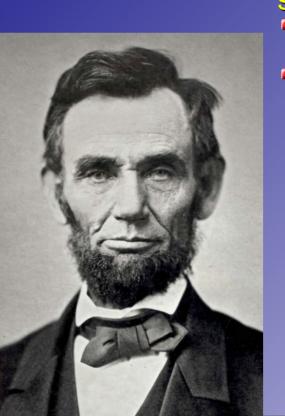
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But on a more personal note, there's been much speculation by historians over the years whether Lincoln was a theist, a Deist, a Christian, or what Clearly, he'd believed in God from an early age, and he built arguments from Scripture into many of his speeches, and tried to honor God in many ways.

But he'd never attended church regularly, and he'd never spoken or written of any relationship to Christ But in 1864, an Illinoisan visited him in the White House and asked him point-blank if he loved Jesus in response, Lincoln buried his face in his handkerchief as tears came to his eyes, and then he answered:

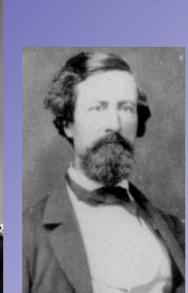
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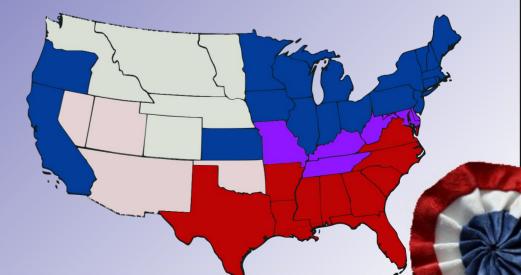
"When I left home to take this chair of state, I requested my countrymen to pray for me. I was not then a Christian. When my son died, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But, when I went to Gettysburg and looked upon the graves of our dead heroes who had fallen in defense of their country, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ. Yes, I do love Jesus..."



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but also penned in...

(Note: Pemberton surrendered the same day that Lee retreated from Gettysburg—July 4, 1863... so you can imagine the kinds of stories that Northern papers like the Philadelphia Inquirer printed on July 5...)



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The Desperate Battles Near Gettysburg!

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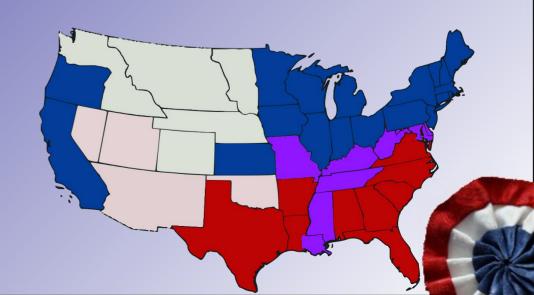
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When the roof of their prison building in Kansas City collapsed, several were killed or injured—and Quantrill went on the warpath Quantrill and his men attacked Lawrence, Kansas, killing every male 14 years and older 182 men and boys "old enough to hold a gun" were slaughtered, and most of the city was burned to the ground...



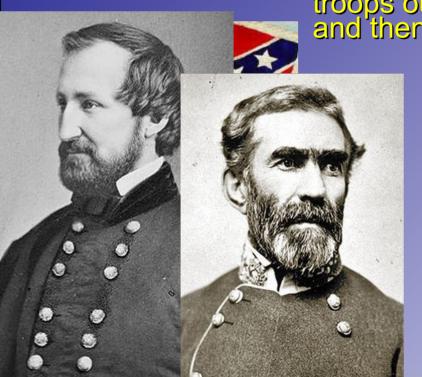
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Quantrill and his men retreated to Texas, where infighting between them decimated their ranks
By 1865, when Lee surrendered (and Quantrill refused to), he was leading only a handful of men...

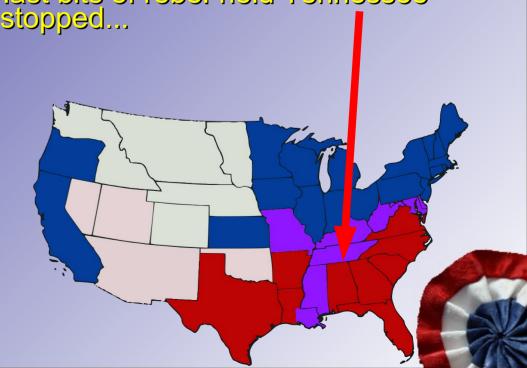
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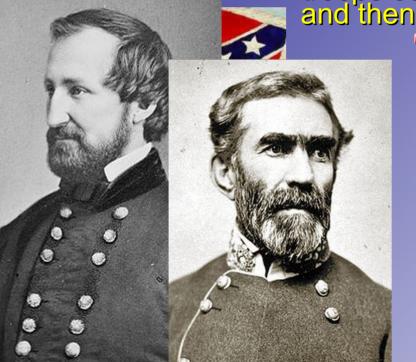


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And then, at a critical point in the battle, he closed ranks to fill what he thought (wrongly) was a gap in his front lines...
...which opened up a gap in his front lines, and Longstreet charged straight through it through it

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Due to Bragg's screw-ups, Rosecrans was able to withdraw to the now unoccupied Chattanooga, but he

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Bragg and his main force at Missionary Ridge
Union troops under commanders like George
Wagner succeeded in the sort of bold frontal
assault that Pickett's Charge hadn't at
Gettysburg—Bragg's men broke and ran
... right into Hooker's troops, fresh from
their victory at Lookout Mountain

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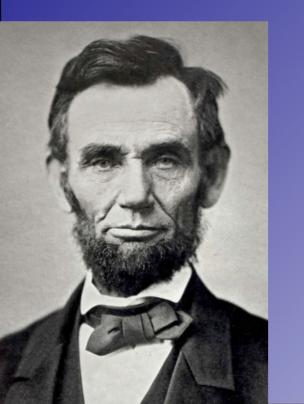
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More crucially, Lincoln realized that he'd finally found a commander whom he could trust to be both aggressive and wise, so he put Grant in charge of all of the Union armies at the beginning of 1864

The taking of Chattanooga also opened the door for Grant to send Sherman (now in command of the Army of the West) into Georgia—where he concentrated on laying siege to Atlanta

Funky little teaching moment—

By the end of 1863, the North was feeling much more confident, and the South was beginning to lose hope that Fall, Lincoln proclaimed the first federally-mandated Thanksgiving Day to be kept on the last Thursday in November, observing that No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens...



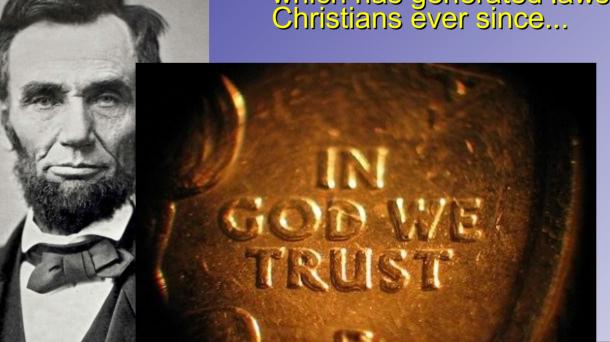
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In 1956, it was officially adopted as our nation's motto (replacing the unofficial "e pluribus unum")... which has generated lawsuits from angry non-Christians ever since...

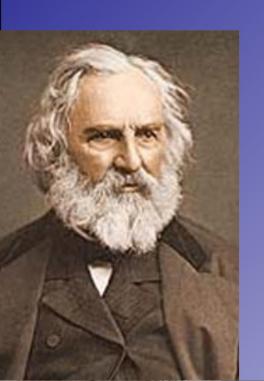


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Longfellow himself was burned so badly trying to save her that he couldn't attend her funeral, and he grew a beard to cover his facial scars





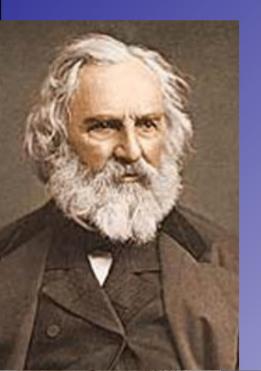
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When he'd heard in November that his eldest son, Charles, had been seriously wounded, he lost all hope

By the time that Christmas rolled around, he began to feel that he had no faith left—either in God or in the concept of goodness in this world





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He sat down on Christmas Day and wrote this poem—
I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old, familiar carols play,
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And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound the carols drowned
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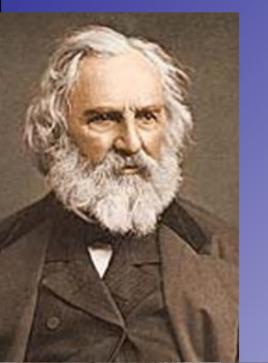
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It was as if an earthquake rent

The hearth-stones of a continent,

And made forlorn the households born

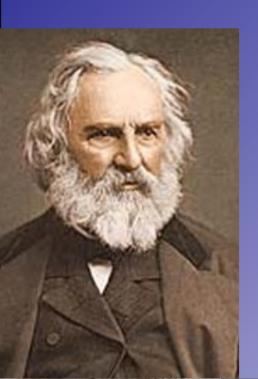
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And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."





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He sat down on Christmas Day and wrote this poem
It was later set to music in 1872 by British organist
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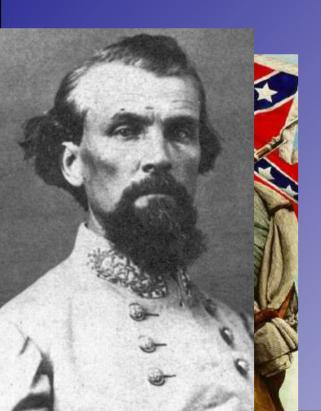


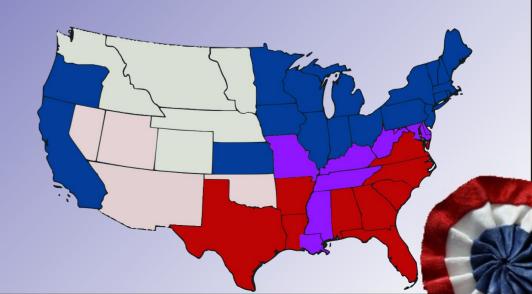


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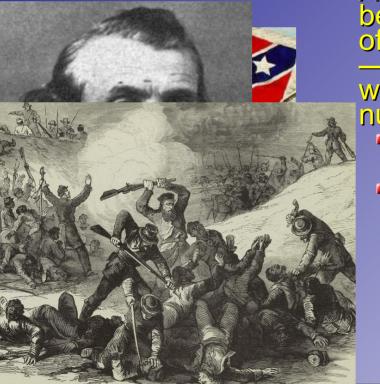
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Forest demanded they surrender, but Bradford refused, and the fort was overrun

At that point, the surviving Union soldiers threw down their arms and surrendered to Forest but the Confederates—later citing their law making it a capital offense for blacks to fight for the Union—slaughtered the unarmed troops to the last man

(Note: They also killed several unarmed black civilians in the fort)



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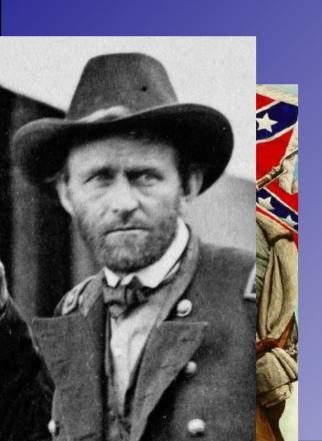
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(Note: The "Fort Pillow Massacre" led Grant to officially demand that black soldiers and

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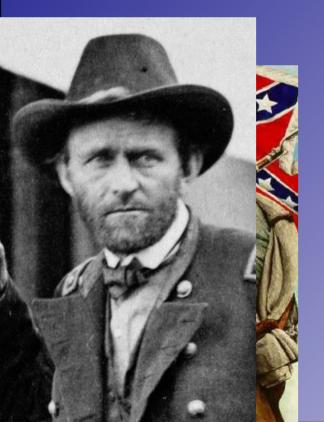


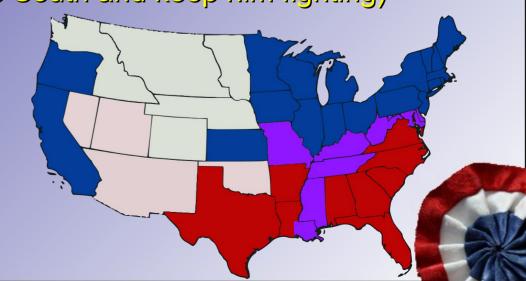
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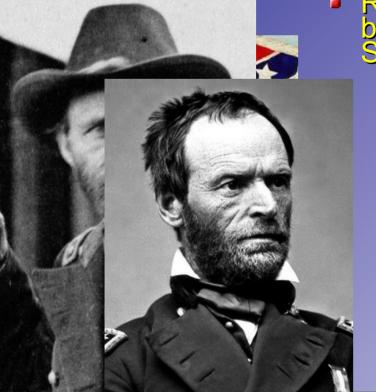


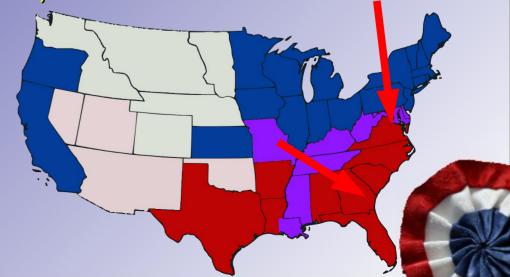
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Every day that Lee was stuck on battlefields fighting Grant, the South lost a little bit more





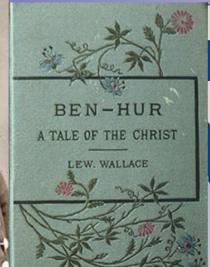
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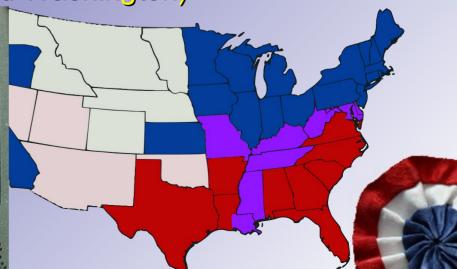
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(which gave Grant the time to successfully
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order to defend Washington)



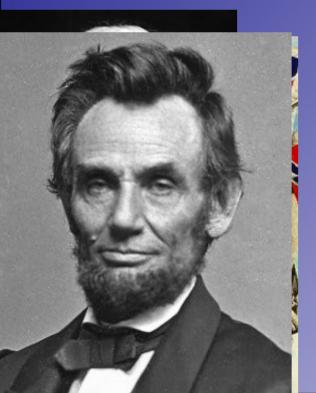


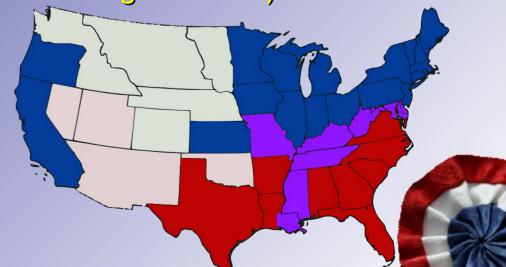
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(Note: The fighting got so close to the capitol that
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for cover while observing the battle)





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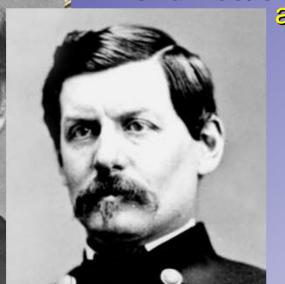
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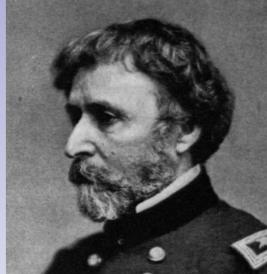
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Lincoln realized that something needed to break—someone needed to make such a decisive action that the tide of the war would turn once and for all

Grant put on a full court press and the Union began winning victory after victory, but Lee kept evading his grasp, and the war dragged on But then, at the end of 1864, Grant authorized something significantly decisive...





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The troops took whatever provisions that they needed from the land—crops, livestock, etc.—and then they burned every field, tore down every mill, and mangled every railway as they passed in short, they instituted what became known as the doctrine of "total war"—utterly destroying the infrastructure of the enemy's society behind them
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Lincoln's response became instantly famous—

"I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side..."



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Lee's brilliance kept him from ever being beaten, but Grant pushed a little farther South every day —and so long as Grant kept him fighting in the field and Sherman kept destroying everything that they were fighting for, the war became more and more pointless and unwinnable every day

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"I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah..."

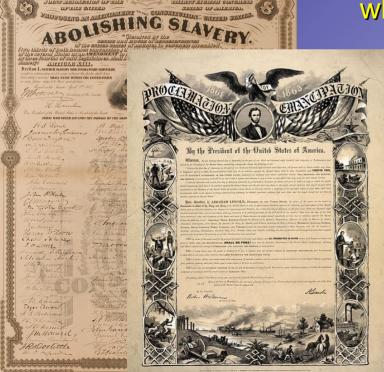
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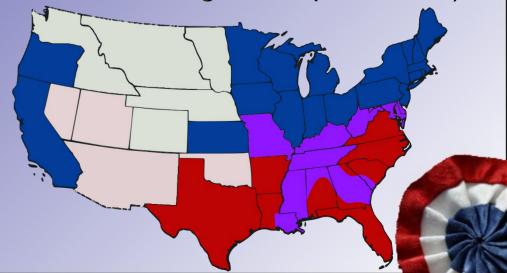
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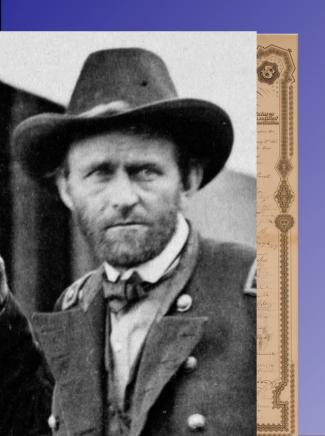
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And now that Grant was in charge, he was placing actually competent officers in command of the troops...



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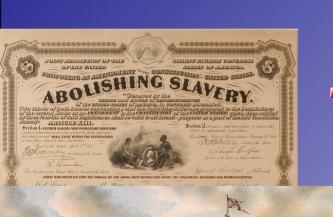
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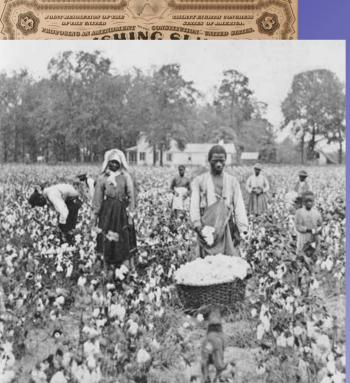
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employers no longer saw them as property to be maintained)

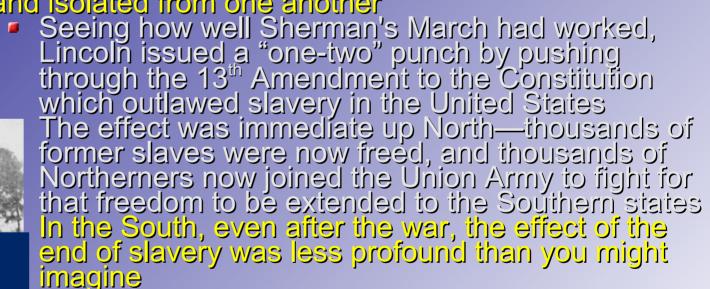


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Southern states passed laws to maintain the practice of slavery, if not the actual name.

And Mississippi didn't even officially ratify the 13th Amendment until 2013...



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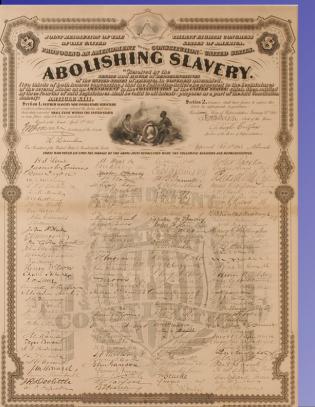
States by saying

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside..."

(i.e.; that would mean that African Americans—whether born free or former slaves—would be legally citizens of the United States, with the same rights and privileges as everyone

else)

(and the 15th Amendment, passed in 1870, specifically protected every citizen's right to vote, regardless of race or color)



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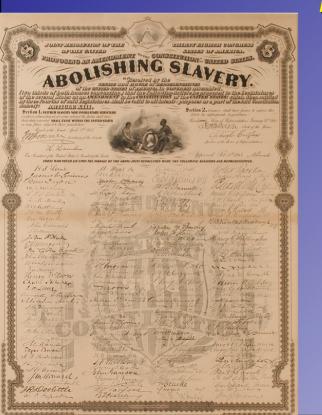
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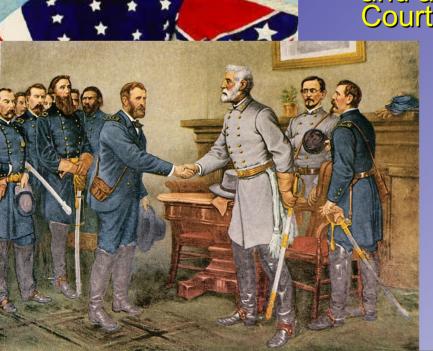


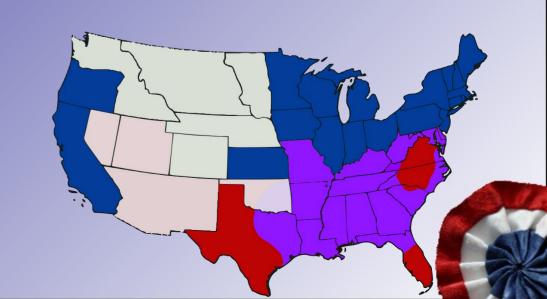
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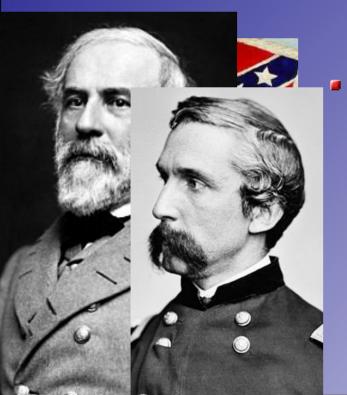


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—which were led by Joshua Chamberlain
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had begun

To celebrate that evening, Abraham Lincoln and his wife went to Ford's Theater to watch a popular British play in town, called "Our American Cousin" ...and was assassinated by Southern radical John Wilkes Booth...



