

# Events of the Civil War: Part Three

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# The War in the East

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# Fort Sumter

*Charleston, South Carolina*

*April 1861*

*Major Robert Anderson vs. General P.G.T. Beauregard*



The Confederates fired the first shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter. During this incident there were no casualties. Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort and he and his men left for the North, where they were greeted as war heroes.

# First Battle of Bull Run

*Manassas Junction (Virginia)*

*July 1861*

*General Irvin McDowell vs. General P.G.T. Beauregard*



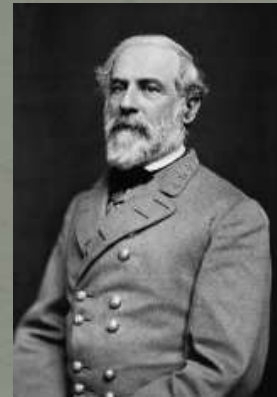
The First Battle of Bull Run was the first major land battle of the Civil War. The Confederates won this bloody battle, and this led them to be more confident and boosted their morale. The Union realized that the Civil War was going to be a long fight.

# Seven Days' Battles

*East of Richmond, Virginia*

*June 1862*

*General George B. McClellan vs. General Robert E. Lee*



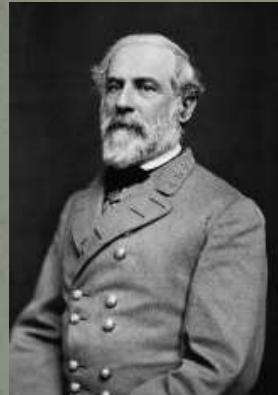
The Union soldiers were waiting outside of Richmond for backup to arrive, but before reinforcements came General Lee's army attacked. The Confederate forces were slaughtered in this battle, but General McClellan was worried over his own losses. He sent panicked telegrams to Lincoln and this caused his Peninsula Campaign to be called off.

# Second Battle of Bull Run

*Manassas Junction (Virginia)*

*August 1862*

*General John Pope vs. General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson*



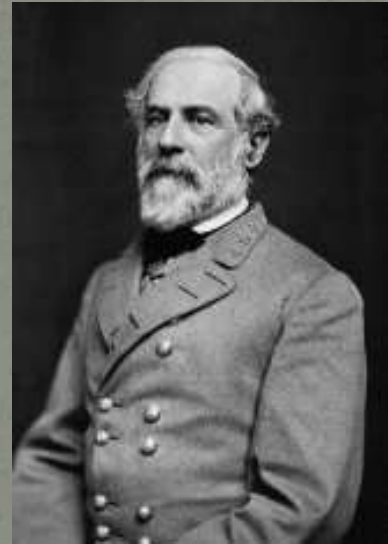
The Second Battle of Bull Run was a bold and successful move for the Confederates. Their victory led to an increased level of confidence. This led to the Confederates' attempt at convincing Maryland to secede from the Union (this however did not happen).

# Battle of Antietam

*Washington County, Maryland*

*September 1862*

*General George B. McClellan vs. General Robert E. Lee*



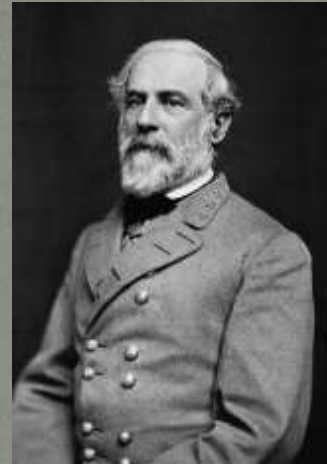
The Union succeeded in halting Lee's Confederate forces in Maryland in this battle. This came at a price, however. It was one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Lincoln was unhappy that General McClellan did not pursue Lee's men and replaced him. After this battle, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

# Battle of Fredericksburg

*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*December 1862*

*General Ambrose E. Burnside vs. General Robert E. Lee*



General Ambrose E. Burnside proved during this battle that he was an ineffective leader. The Union had successfully captured Fredericksburg, only to be badly shot down when charging up the heights to the west of the town.