# • Foreign Affairs

- Raiders, Trent incident, alternative cotton sources
- Confederacy gets the Layard shipyard to put together huge warships
  - \* Layerd rams Huge guns
  - \* However, they get confined
- Napoleon III
  - \* Uses sale of Mexican bonds to Europe to establish a French empire
  - \* When Mexico can't pay debts, he puts together an expedition to Mexico
  - \* Maximillian becomes Emperor of Mexico in return for role in government
- USA has sent notes saying that this is regarded as an unfriendly act
  - \* Lincoln's successor, Andrew Johnson, marches troops to the Mexican border
  - \* Napoleon retreats his troops, but Maximillian decides to stay
  - \* He eventually gets surrounded and executed
- Why don't Great Britain and France join the war?
  - \* No decisive Southern or Northern victories
  - \* Some small ones, but nothing worth entering for
  - \* King Cotton turns out worthless
    - · Blockade makes it impossible for trade anyway

#### Technology

- Improvements to the musket
  - \* Claude Minie
  - \* Rifles get introduced
  - \* Small grooves which give the slug a spin
    - · Improve accuracy by a bunch
    - · Triple the range at which you can reliably hit a target
    - · Even at half a mile if you're good
- Improvements to artillery
  - \* About the same improvement as rifle over musket
- Mobility is still mostly foot
  - \* Cavalry is essentially negated by the rifles
  - \* Shooting works just as well on a fast opponent now

#### • South's Strategy

- Nobody in the South believes in victory

- The goal is to convince the North to let them go
- Options are to make it unbearably painful or get external support
  - \* External support is unlikely
- How to make it painful
  - \* Drag out the war? Not going to work so well
  - \* Better is to attack where you have tactical advantagy
  - \* Win key battles, not every battle
  - \* Doesn't work due to technological reasons

### • North's Strategy

- Anaconda Strategy (Winfield Scott)
  - \* Surround the south and starve them
  - \* Western-oriented strategy
- Minimize losses, prevent unnecessary casualties
- Both sides attempt to seize the other capital to lower morale

# • Sort-of Turning Points

- Antietam Lee almost loses the entire army, foreign support possibilities disappear
- Gettysburg Popularized as high point in South in many books
  - \* Lee wrecks his army here

### • Military stuff

- First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas)
  - \* McDowell comes down and meets the South guarding Bull Run Creek
  - \* Feints to South, sends main force to the North
  - \* Northern force spotted, so it was delayed long enough to establish defensive position
  - \* Everyone wearing the same color, can't tell anyone apart
  - \* Federal troops drive up Henry Hill
  - \* Stonewall Jackson stands at the top of the hill and gets a counterattack
  - \* South gets pushed back until reinforcements arrive
  - \* First significant Southern victory
  - \* At this point, people realize that the war will be hard
- Ball's Bluff 20-21 October 1861
  - \* Lincoln convinces McClullen to make an offensive attack
  - \* Bodies fall into the river and wash past Washington a huge embarrassment

- \* After this, Union will never take a significant risk in battle
- The Battle of Hampton Roads
  - \* Union Intelligence indicates that the South has fitted out an ironclad
  - \* The ironclad Monitor is put together and moves down to deal with it
  - \* Because the battle was a standoff, blockade is not broken
  - \* Monitor only attacks with half force
- Battle at Shiloh
  - \* The casualties here are massive larger than all the previous US wars
- Second Battle of Bull Run
  - \* Flank by South that decimates the Northern troops
  - \* Battle of Chantilly occurs as the attempt to stop the retreat is detected
  - \* Lee determines now to invade the North
  - \* Lee defeats the union forces which come to him because they come one at a time instead of all at once
- Lee pushes into Maryland Harper's Ferry
  - \* Tries to get people to rally around the Confederate Flag
  - \* Doesn't happen because they are Western Marylanders and not pro-slavery
  - \* McClullen gets intelligence about Lee's orders
  - \* Checks intelligence for too long, when he does move it's too late

### • Emancipation Proclamation 1863

- Shifts war to a higher plane
- To be effective the beginning of the next year
- Drafted before Antietam, but not passed until afterward
- Applies only to slave states in rebellion
- Not until 13th ammendment that all slaves are freed
- Gives the south time to give up before they have to lose their slaves
- By the end of the war, about a third of slaves liberate themselves

### • Slaves

- At first not used in the war
- Thought that they can't be adequately trained
- Eventually they are used about they use white troops
- Starting June 1864, they start being used more
- Blacks suffer higher casualty rates

- \* South fights quite hard and kills blacks when they are defeated
- $\ast$  Garrison duty, mostly, which is less healthy than being on the field due to disease
- Land Grant
  - Acreage given to states for the establishment of higher education institutions
- North establishing new territories in the west
- United States Sanitary Commission
  - Civilian support for the war