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BREAKING NEWS: UPDATES ON THE CIVIL WAR

## SHOTS AT FORT SUMTER START OF A WAR?

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After South Carolina and several other southern states seceded from the United States because of the biggest issue right now, whether or not should a state allow slavery, south army attacked the US army stationed at Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor. After thousands of shots, the Union troops surrendered and left Fort Sumter.



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### BATTLE OF FORT SUMTER



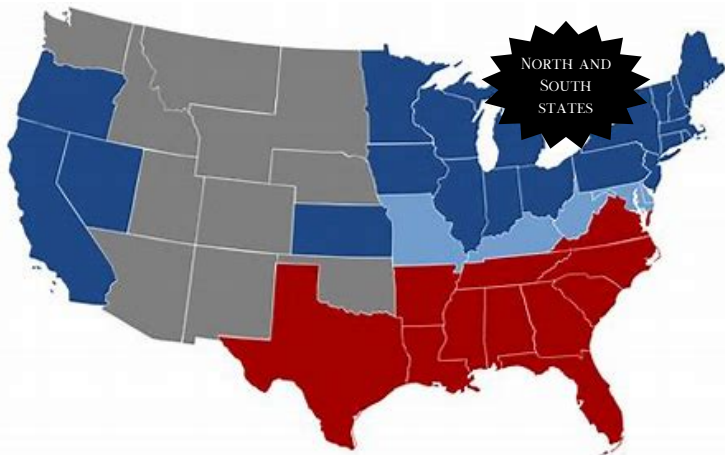
Since Abraham Lincoln became the 16th president of the United States, several southern states seceded from the US including South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. These states' delegates met at Montgomery, Alabama to establish a new nation called "Confederate states of America".

On February, 1861, delegates created the Constitution of the Confederate States. The first thing they wanted to do was to remove the US troops stationed in many of the forts. They prepared weapons and army troops, mostly farmers, to attack the forts. Fort Sumter was one of the biggest threats, because it controlled the Charleston Harbor in Charleston, South Carolina. The troops first warned the officer Robert Anderson to leave. At 4:30 AM, south fired the first shot. After thousands of shots and 34 hours, the outside wall was destructed and the fort was on fire. No one was harmed but Anderson and his 85 soldiers were forced to surrender. North and south

armies negotiated at 2:00 PM yesterday, and surrendered today. After the defeat of his troops at Fort Sumter, Abraham Lincoln feared his other troops would also defeat, resulting the spilt of the nation. So he declared war against south to reunion the country and stop slavery.



## SLAVERY COMFLICTS



Way before the attack at Fort Sumter, there were already some conflicts between North and South because of the debate of whether or not should a state allow slavery. But the Battle of



Fort Sumter was the first big, armed conflict. In 1859, an event took place that would change the history of anti-slavery. This is called "John Brown's Raid". John Brown was an abolitionist leader who raided the federal arsenal. He believed ending slavery could only be done by violence. He was defeated and executed after 2 days. There were



also other abolitionism events like Fedrick Douglass's famous speech "What to Slave is the Forth of July?", Bleeding Kansas, where different political people fought because of different believes, and Abraham Lincoln's election as president.

## SUMMARY

From the first 13th colonies to now, debate of slavery is always an important topic to discuss. It caused many events, some of them people had died, all led up to the attack at Fort Sumter, the split of the United States, and possibly a war between the North and the South. Fort Sumter is the turning point of the history of slavery. Will people make the right decisions and save the country, or make the wrong decisions and cause the split of the Union?