

The American Civil War was fought between 1861 to 1865, and is considered to be the bloodiest of all American wars. The war began with Abraham Lincoln's election to the Presidency in 1860. President Lincoln opposed the extension of slavery into the new territories of the United States. The Southern states thought of this as a violation of states' rights. The positioning of Northern forces at Fort Sumter, in South Carolina, fueled anger and Southern states began to secede from the Union. The first shell was fired at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, beginning the Civil War.

Directions: Using resources such as the Internet, encyclopedia, trade books, interviews, or educational programming, research these Civil War related terms. Cite your references, and explain how the terms are important to the subject of the Civil War.

Union: _____

reference used _____

Confederate: _____

reference used _____

slavery: _____

reference used _____

blockade: _____