



# The Civil War

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Phase One  
1861-1863



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- Both the Union and the Confederacy mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war even while facing considerable home front opposition.
- Although the Confederacy showed military initiative and daring early in the war, the Union ultimately succeeded due to improvements in leadership and strategy, key victories, greater resources, and the wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure.

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## Key Ideas to Understand:

- The Union blockade was a critical factor in winning the war.
- Union victories in the West were critically important to winning the war.
- In the North manufacturing, population, and agriculture were key advantages to winning the war.
- Having a strong central government under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party (without Southern political opposition) was crucial to winning the war and creating a modern America.

# Thought Questions

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- a. What was the importance of the Union naval blockade?
- b. What major advantages did the Union have versus the Confederacy going into the conflict? Which advantage was perhaps the most important? Why?
- c. Why were the Union victories in the West so important in the first phase of the conflict?
- d. What was the importance of the Emancipation Proclamation? How would it impact the Union war effort?
- e. How did Lincoln and his Republican allies begin the process of creating a modern America? Why do think that this was a goal that the leadership of the Union wished to achieve during the war?