

## Lesson 4: The First Shots Are Fired

**Directions:** Sequence the events in the order in which they occurred by numbering them from 1 to 8. You may use your textbook.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln asks Union states for troops to put down the Confederate rebellion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham Lincoln is elected President of the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Some states are angered by Lincoln’s call for troops. Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina secede and join the Confederacy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Confederate States of America, or the Confederacy, is formed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Confederates attack Fort Sumter, which is surrendered two days later. The Civil War has started.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, asks for the surrender of Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Southern states of South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas secede.
- \_\_\_\_\_ By Lincoln’s inauguration on March 4, 1861, the Confederacy has control of most of the forts and military property in the South.

**Directions:** Explain each of the following points of view from the time of the American Civil War. You may use your textbook.

1. Explain the goal Lincoln and his supporters hoped to achieve by fighting the Civil War.

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2. Explain the goal Southerners hoped to achieve by fighting the Civil War.

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3. Why do you think Northerners called Southerners “rebels”?

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**Notes for Home:** Your child learned how to determine the sequence of events for the beginning of the Civil War.

**Home Activity:** With your child, look over a previous lesson. Ask your child to tell the sequence of events in that lesson.