

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR TIMELINE

Major Engagements & Strategic Turning Points (1861-1865)

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	LOCATION	SIGNIFICANCE
Apr 1861	Fort Sumter	South Carolina	Opening engagement; Confederate victory.
July 1861	First Bull Run	Virginia	First major land battle; Union retreat.
Apr 1862	Shiloh	Tennessee	High casualties; Union strategic victory.
Sept 1862	Antietam	Maryland	Bloodiest single day; led to Emancipation Proclamation.
July 1863	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania	Turning point in the East; Lee's invasion halted.
July 1863	Vicksburg	Mississippi	Union gains control of the Mississippi River.

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Nov 1864	March to the Sea	Georgia	<i>Total war strategy; infrastructure destroyed.</i>
Apr 1865	Appomattox C.H.	Virginia	<i>Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia.</i>