

KEY CIVIL WAR BATTLES

DATE / YEAR	BATTLE NAME	LOCATION	SIGNIFICANT OUTCOME
Apr 1861	Fort Sumter	South Carolina	Opening engagement; Confederate victory.
Jul 1861	First Bull Run	Virginia	Shattered North's hopes for a quick war.
Apr 1862	Shiloh	Tennessee	Heavy casualties; Union strategic victory.
Sep 1862	Antietam	Maryland	Bloodiest single day; led to Emancipation Proclamation.
May-Jul 1863	Vicksburg	Mississippi	Union gains control of the Mississippi River.
Jul 1863	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania	Turning point; halted Lee's invasion of the North.
Nov 1864	March to the Sea	Georgia	Total war policy applied to Southern infrastructure.

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Apr 1865	Appomattox	Virginia	<i>Lee surrenders to Grant; effective end of war.</i>
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