

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: KEY BATTLES

APR 1861

Fort Sumter

The bombardment of the federal fort in Charleston Harbor, marking the official beginning of hostilities.

LOCATION: SOUTH CAROLINA VICTOR: CONFEDERATE

JUL 1861

First Battle of Bull Run

The first major land battle of the war, proving that the conflict would be long and bloody.

LOCATION: VIRGINIA VICTOR: CONFEDERATE

SEP 1862

Battle of Antietam

The bloodiest single day in American history, leading to the Emancipation Proclamation.

LOCATION: MARYLAND VICTOR: INCONCLUSIVE/UNION

JUL 1863

Battle of Gettysburg

The turning point of the war in the East, halting Robert E. Lee's second invasion of the North.

LOCATION: PENNSYLVANIA VICTOR: UNION

APR 1865

Appomattox Court House

General Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia to Ulysses S. Grant.

LOCATION: VIRGINIA VICTOR: UNION