Lincoln had trouble finding a good and aggressive general to led the Union troops.

**ULYSSES S GRANT** – a Union general fighting in the west and winning battles.

February 1862 – Union captures Fort Henry and opens the Mississippi River as a transportation route.

A huge battle takes place at SHILOH – it is a Union victory.

13,000 Union soldiers are wounded along with 10,000 Confederate soldiers.
April 1862 – Union captures New Orleans and soon controls most of the Mississippi River, cutting the South in two.

CAVALRY – soldiers on horseback

SEVEN DAYS BATTLES – June/July 1862 – Confederate victory in Virginia that prevents the Union from attacking Richmond.

Lee feels confident and decides to invade the North.

3 reasons Lee decides to attack the North:
1) Force Lincoln to talk peace
2) Give Virginia farmers a chance to harvest crops
3) South could plunder Northern crops for food
England and France were thinking about helping the South

A copy of Lee’s plans were left behind and found by a Union soldier

BATTLE OF ANTIETAM – Sept 1862 – bloodiest battle in American history

25,000 men wounded, Union victory but missed a chance to follow up the battle and finish the Southern army
Union general McClellan is fired by Lincoln for not following up.