Lee's Southern troops met the Union at GETTYSBURG in Pennsylvania – July 1863

90,000 Union troops against 75,000 confederate troops

Southern General George Pickett tried to march his men across a wheat field and are mowed down by Union soldiers – PICKETT’S CHARGE
North wins the Battle of Gettysburg

Union has 23,000 soldiers dead and wounded and Confederacy has 28,000

The day after Gettysburg, General Grant led the Union to a victory at VICKSBURG along the Mississippi

Union surrounds the city and starves out the people until they are forced to give up

The victory at Vicksburg gives the Union total control over the Mississippi River

Union now has the momentum

BATTLE OF VICKSBURG

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
Union General WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN drives an army through the South to further divide the Confederacy.

Union wants to break the South’s will with this MARCH TO THE SEA through Georgia.

Union destroys everything for a 300 mile long stretch that is 60 miles wide.
Lincoln is re-elected President in 1864 for his second term.

Grant meets Lee in Virginia and defeats the South. Lee surrenders at APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA on April 9, 1865.
The Union soldiers were gracious in victory.

Confederate soldiers were given food and allowed to go home.

The war that had lasted four long years was finally over.