

**Dred Scott Case**—Supreme Court decides Dred Scott, a slave, could not file a lawsuit to be free because he was enslaved, so not a citizen; stated slaves were property; said Congress did not have power to outlaw slavery, so Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional; South rejoiced, North condemned—**1857**

**Formation Republican Party**—main goal was to stop the spread of slavery, not necessarily end it—**1854**

**John Brown's Raid**—took antislavery campaign east and planned to raid a federal arsenal in Virginia; he succeeded but was captured and sentenced to death; North sung his praises; South shocked at response—**1859**

**Lincoln Election**—Republican; state legislature; Congress; Senate; believed slavery was morally, socially, and politically wrong yet didn't believe whites and blacks were equal; believed blacks should have rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness; opposed to slavery in territories but ok in states already legal; wins election of 1860; South reacts strongly because felt South no longer had voice—**1860**

**Secession**—many southerners felt secession was only choice with Lincoln in office; South Carolina secedes first; by late February, 1861, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas secede—**1860**

**The Confederacy**—seven states formed new nation, Confederate States of America; Jefferson Davis president; South felt had right to secede; Lincoln said unconstitutional; promised no war unless South started it; Confederacy already had started seizing forts in South; Lincoln debated to let them take over federal property but sending troops could start civil war; by April, Confederate troops had all forts, post offices, and federal buildings in South; Union had only three forts in Florida and Fort Sumter in South Carolina—**1861**

**Fort Sumter**—Confederacy wanted it because it guarded Charleston Harbor; Confederates asked for surrender but Union said no; Confederates opened fire and started civil war—**1861**

*June 1861  
Virginia  
Tennessee  
Alabama  
Mississippi  
Georgia*

*Confederates  
took Fort  
Sumter  
Lincoln  
took  
act of  
war*