

# Major Themes of the Civil War



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# Early Battles



- Early battles fought during the war show each side is very inexperienced which leads to the loss of a significant number of men on each side
- These battles also show that the war could not be decided with one swift stroke
- Battles make people come to the realization that the war would be a long and costly struggle

Estimated casualties total casualties:

First Bull Run: 4,700

Battle of Shiloh: 23,746





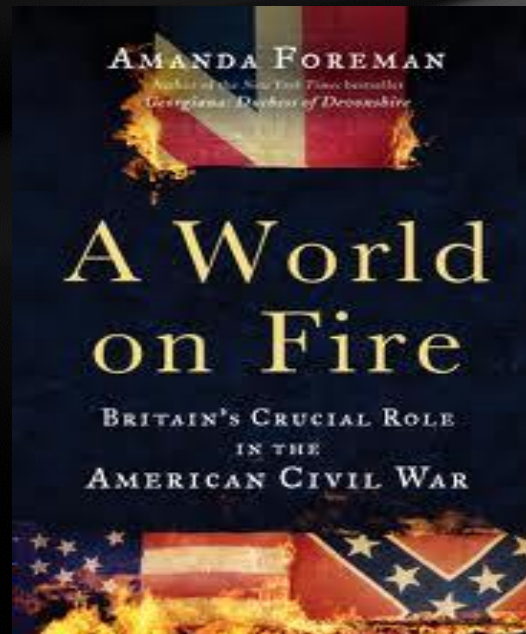
# A Numbers Game

- The north had the advantage in numbers throughout the war with over a million men volunteering within the first year(1861)
- The south had 500,000 volunteer but turned to conscription(the draft) early in order to match the manpower of the North
- South draft range: 17 years to 50 years of age by 1864
- Union turned to the draft in 1863: 20 years of age to 45 years of age



# Diplomacy

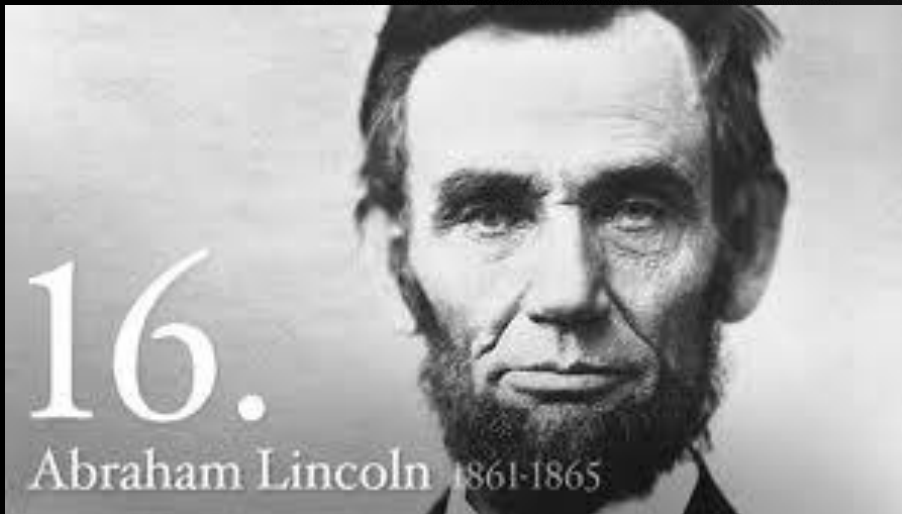
- South believed that Great Britain's hunger for cotton would help draw them into the war on their side
- Problem: British abolish slavery in 1833, most of its citizens were against the institution of slavery
- Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation would end forever any chance that Britain or France would support the Confederacy





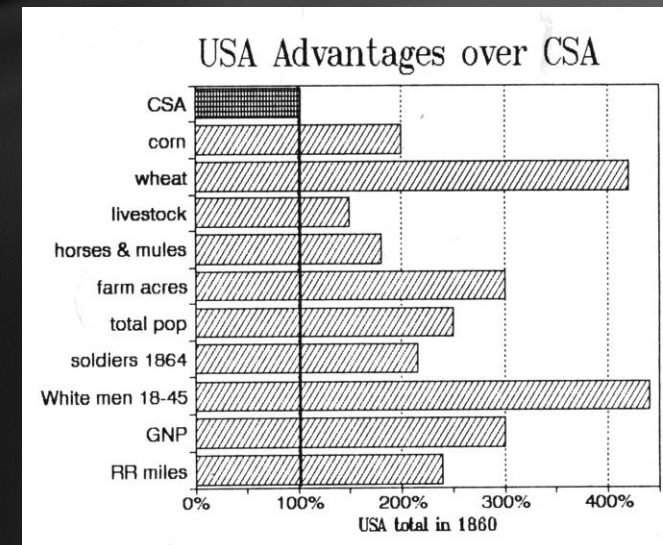
# Political Leadership

- Lincoln was able to articulate the purpose of the war as the preservation of the Union
- Davis was unable to get the confederate states to work together to pursue the war effort
- Lincoln even suspends the writ to Habeas Corpus(A speedy trial) to silence Confederate sympathizers



# Finances

- Both the North and South relied on taxes, printing paper money, and war bonds to finance war effort
- However, the South gave the revenue that it collected to the states which sparked disunity and disorganization
- By 1864, a turkey sold in Richmond market for \$100(huge inflation)



# Major Legacies of the War

Liberation of slaves

New technologies

Devastation of the South's infrastructure, farms, transportations, and psyche

Further development of Northern industry

Huge loss of men(600,000)

