**Civil War Timeline**

**1860**

November 6- Lincoln Elected President

December 20-South Carolina Secedes

**1861**

January-February- Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas Secede

February 9- Confederate States of America are formed with Jefferson Davis president.

March 4- Lincoln Inaugural

April 12- Bombardment of Fort Sumter

April 15- Lincoln calls for 75,000 Volunteers to defend Washington D.C.

April 17- Virginia secedes, followed within 5 weeks by Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

June 21- Battle of First Bull Run

Nov 1- Lincoln appoints McClellan commander of all Union Forces

**1862**

Union wins costly victories in West, Union Navy Blockades the South, South Successfully defends Richmond in the East

September 17-Battle of Antietam, costliest one day battle in U.S. Military History- 26,000 killed or wounded

September 22- Lincoln issues a Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation

November 7- Lincoln replaces McClellan with General Ambrose Burnside as commander of Union forces.

**1863**

January 1st Lincoln issues final Emancipation Proclamation

March 3- Conscription Act- Union begins military draft

May 5- Vallandigham Arrest

July 1-3 Battles of Gettysburg

July 4- Fall of Vicksburg

October 13- Ohio Governor’s Election

November 19- Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address at dedication of National Cemetery on the battlefield.

**1864**

March 9- Lincoln Appoints General Ulysses S. Grant commander of Union Forces

June 4- Nomination of Lincoln for Re-Election as Republican Candidate for President

August 29- Nomination of General George McClellan Democratic Candidate for President

September 2- Union Army under General Sherman Captures Atlanta

November 8- Presidential Election