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Fort Pulaski

Fort Pulaski National Monument

Pre-visit Background for Fort Pulaski Timeline Format

# This is information that you can share with your students prior to your visit to Fort Pulaski. It is in timeline format. A pre-visit question sheet and

crossword puzzle are also available for your students. The answers for the question sheet and crossword puzzle are in this timeline.

# 1812 1821 1829 1833 1840 1847 1865 1924

War of 1812 shows that a coastal defense system

of forts is needed.

Cockspur Island chosen

as site for Fort Pulaski.

U.S. Army begins building Fort Pulaski.

Fort named for Count Casimir Pulaski, Revolutionary War hero.

Seacoast cannons installed in fort.

Fort Pulaski completed.

Civil War ends.

Fort Pulaski named a national monument.

# 1860 1861 1862

Nov. Dec. Jan. Apr. Nov. Apr. 10 Apr. 11

Abraham Lincoln elected president.

South Carolina secedes from Union.

Georgia soldiers sieze Fort Pulaski. Georgia secedes from Union.

Civil War begins. Georgia trans- fers Fort Pulaski to

Confeder- ates.

Union occupies Tybee Island and begins preparations to attack fort.

Union de- mands sur- render of fort. Col. Charles Olmstead re- fuses. Union attacks fort from Tybee Island with new technol- ogy, the rifled cannon.

Olmstead surrenders the fort, due to destruction of fort’s southeast corner.