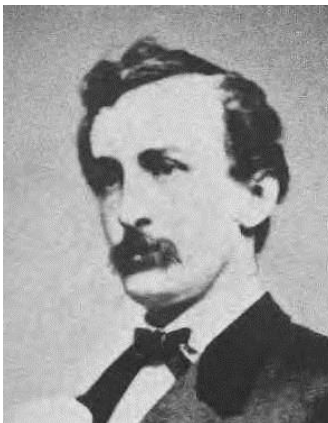
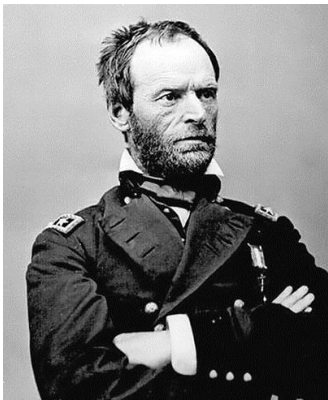


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- Emancipation Proclamation
  - o Lincoln frees all slaves in the Confederacy as of Jan 1, 1863
  - o Freed slaves are now allowed to serve in the military (200,000 by 1865)
  - o Won the hearts of most northerners during the war
  - o Bold social move, but the reality is that Lincoln held no political power to enforce this proclamation in the CSA
- The Fall of Vicksburg
  - o The day after Gettysburg is won, the Union also captures this city
  - o Cuts the South in two separate halves and controls the Mississippi River
  - o General Grant again uses “total warfare” to win
- Grant is Promoted
  - o By mid 1863, Lincoln is tired of mediocre leadership and demands that Grant be placed in control of the Union Army stating to congress “he fights”.
  - o Grant agrees to take command if Lincoln will let him fight the war his way and will allow him to use General William Tecumseh Sherman “as needed”.
  - o Grant’s plan is split the army, attack Lee in different locations at the same time, to destroy his factories and supplies, as well as take the fight to the people so they will not support the war any longer – total warfare
- Sherman’s March to the Sea
  - o Sherman captures the major industrial city of Atlanta on Nov 15, 1864 and burns it to the ground – hence the reason most of the city’s architecture is so modern.
  - o Next he telegraphs Lincoln and promises him the City of Savannah, GA for Christmas. He spreads his army out almost 60 miles wide and 1 mile thick, burning and destroying everything in his path. Creates the “Sherman Necktie” for RR’s.
  - o On Dec 25, 1864 he sends a telegraph to Lincoln stating
    - “I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah, with one hundred and fifty guns and plenty of ammunition, also about twenty-five thousand bales of cotton.”
    - Lincoln replies “Many, many thanks for your Christmas gift – the capture of Savannah. When you were leaving Atlanta for the Atlantic coast, I was anxious, if not fearful; but feeling that you were the better judge, and remembering that ‘nothing risked, nothing gained’ I did not interfere.
  - Sherman next turns north through the Carolina’s forcing the last remaining troops (NC’s army) to surrender at Bentonville (between Fuquay and Smithfield)
- General Lee Surrenders
  - o Lee will finally be beaten at Appomattox Court House in Virginia
  - o Ironically it’s on Wilmer McLean’s farm – the same person as 1<sup>st</sup> Bull Run
  - o Grant arrives intoxicated and begins to insult General Lee
  - o Lee agrees to stop fighting if his men can return home with their weapons and free of any war crimes. Grant agrees and the war is over.
- President Lincoln is Assassinated
  - o April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865, the president and some guests celebrate the end of the war at Ford’s Theatre in Washington D.C.
  - o During the play “Our American Cousin”, John Wilkes Booth shoots the president in the back of the head
  - o The next day President Lincoln becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> president to be killed in office

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