Getting Started

You are about to learn a lot about a very important time in history. As you research, you may find additional battles to add to this list. The list is not exhaustive. There is a blank page at the end of the unit for recording any additional battles you decide to learn about.

You may find that some battles are referred to by more than one name or a name that is different than the name used in this unit. Some differences exist because the same battle was referred to differently by people depending on their location, perspective, and time period.

You may also note some differences between the dates listed in this unit and the dates on some websites. The dates are provided to help you identify the battle. The differences are mostly due to the fact that some accounts record the date the battle began as when the troops moved in, some use the date when the fighting began, etc. . . . Similarly, some record the end of the battle as when the fighting stopped, when the troops withdrew, etc. . . . You will also find that some battles are part of larger battles, which not only explains the differences in dates, but also the fact that you may have trouble finding some of the battles listed individually.

Are you ready? Grab a pencil, pen, or a keyboard, and let's get started!

Rattle of Fort Sumter

April 12-14, 1861
Commanders, Troop Strength, and Victor/Defeated
Key Moments Before and/or After the Battle
Key Moments in the Battle (charges, strategic decisions, etc.)
Significance of the Battle
Interesting Facts

Rattle of Rich Mountain

July 11, 1861
Commanders, Troop Strength, and Victor/Defeated
Key Moments Before and/or After the Battle
Key Moments in the Battle (charges, strategic decisions, etc.)
Significance of the Battle
Interesting Facts

First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas)

July 21, 1861
Commanders, Troop Strength, and Victor/Defeated
Key Moments Before and/or After the Battle
Key Moments in the Battle (charges, strategic decisions, etc.)
Significance of the Battle
Interesting Facts