The Civil War Begins

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1. The Election of 1860: This was the election upon which Abraham Lincoln became President. South Carolina left the Union as a result.

2. South Carolina: This was the first state to leave the Union at the onset of the Civil War.

3. Agrarian Economy: This is an economy primarily based on growing crops.

4. Attrition: A term used to describe how one side in a war has an advantage by having more people to fight.

5. Richmond, Virginia: The capital of the Confederate States of America.

6. The Confederate States of America: The group of Southern states that seceded away from the Northern states of the USA.

Part B: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the Questions Below.

1. Explain the conflict between the North and South over Fort Sumter at the onset of the Civil War. On April 12, 1861, South Carolina attempted to take Fort Sumter in Charleston. Yet, the North controlled this fort. The fighting started over this fortress. It was not a dramatic start to the Civil War. Only one Confederate soldier died and no Union soldiers died.

2. Explain the three goals of the North that they believed they needed to achieve to win the Civil War. **FIRST**, the North wanted to blockade Southern ports to deprive the South of outside goods and profitable trade. **SECOND**, the Union wanted to control the Mississippi River to “split the South” and control the trade and travel of the body of water. **THIRD**, the North wanted to capture Richmond, VA, which was the capital of the Confederate States of America.