

16.2 Early Years of the War (pp. 466-472)

READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- How did the First Battle of Bull Run change people's views about the war?
- What was significant about the battle between the *Merrimack* and the *Monitor*?
- Why was control of the Mississippi River important to the Union?
- What was the outcome of the Seven Days' Battles?

KEY TERMS: Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- blockade runner
- ironclad
- casualty