

Outline of Major Civil War Battles

- I. Early Battles and Key Events
 - a. Fort Sumter (April 1861)
 - i. Location: Charleston, South Carolina
 - ii. Confederate Victory: Marked the beginning of the Civil War.
 - b. First Battle of Bull Run (July 1861)
 - i. Location: Manassas, Virginia
 - ii. Confederate Victory: Demonstrated the need for well-trained armies and a long war.
- II. Eastern Theater Battles
 - a. Battle of Antietam (September 1862)
 - i. Location: Sharpsburg, Maryland
 - ii. Union Victory: Bloodiest single day of the war; led to the Emancipation Proclamation.
 - b. Battle of Gettysburg (July 1863)
 - i. Location: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
 - ii. Union Victory: Turning point of the war; halted Confederate invasion of the North.
 - c. Battle of Appomattox Court House (April 1865)
 - i. Location: Appomattox County, Virginia
 - ii. Union Victory: Marked the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the end of the Civil War.
- III. Western Theater Battles
 - a. Battle of Shiloh (April 1862)
 - i. Location: Shiloh, Tennessee
 - ii. Union Victory: Fierce two-day battle that opened up the Mississippi River.
 - b. Siege of Vicksburg (May-July 1863)
 - i. Location: Vicksburg, Mississippi
 - ii. Union Victory: Gave the Union control of the Mississippi River.

- c. Battle of Chickamauga (September 1863)
 - i. Location: Chickamauga, Georgia
 - ii. Confederate Victory: One of the bloodiest battles; Union forces retreated to Chattanooga.

IV. Other Notable Battles

- a. Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1863)
 - i. Location: Spotsylvania County, Virginia
 - ii. Confederate Victory: General Stonewall Jackson's last battle before his death.
- b. Battle of Fredericksburg (December 1862)
 - i. Location: Fredericksburg, Virginia
 - ii. Confederate Victory: Union forces suffered heavy casualties in a failed assault.
- c. Battle of Atlanta (July 1864)
 - i. Location: Atlanta, Georgia
 - ii. Union Victory: Part of Sherman's March to the Sea; captured Atlanta.

V. Naval Engagements

- a. Battle of Hampton Roads (March 1862)
 - i. Location: Hampton Roads, Virginia
 - ii. Inconclusive: First battle between ironclad warships, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia.
- b. Battle of Mobile Bay (August 1864)
 - i. Location: Mobile Bay, Alabama
 - ii. Union Victory: Admiral David Farragut's famous quote, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

VI. Conclusion of the War

- a. Surrender at Appomattox Court House (April 1865)
 - i. Union Victory: General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant.
- b. Battle of Palmito Ranch (May 1865)
 - i. Location: Palmito Ranch, Texas
 - ii. Confederate Victory: Last land battle of the Civil War.