

# Civil War: Battles and Strategies

**The Anaconda Plan** – Northern war strategy was to invade the South and divide it:

- Confederate troops won most of the battles in the first year (1861) of the war; North focused on the blockade
- By 1863 the Union controlled the Mississippi River – cut off interior supply lines
- Union divided and conquered land east of the Mississippi River; Richmond fell to Union hands to end the war

## **Lives Lost:**

- More lives were lost (approx. 620,000) in the Civil War than in any other major American conflict
- Reason for high number
  - American fighting American
  - Deadly weapons
  - Poor medical practices
  - Infection and disease