

## **Ch 11 Section 4 The War with Mexico**

### **Armies Clash at Gettysburg**

#### **Prelude to Gettysburg**

- May 1863, South defeats North at **Chancellorsville**
- Stonewall Jackson mistakenly shot by own troops
  - dies 8 days later of pneumonia
- Lee invades North to get supplies, support of Democrats

#### **Gettysburg**

- Three-day battle at **Gettysburg** cripples South, turning point of war because the South gave up the idea of invading the North
- Confederates go to find shoes; meet Union cavalry
- July 1, Confederates drive Union back, take town

#### **The Second Day**

- South attacks Union led by General George Meade on Cemetery Ridge
- North repulses repeated attacks on Little Round Top
- Many exhausted Confederates surrender; Union line holds

#### **The Third Day**

- Armies exchange vicious artillery fire
- Lee orders attack on Union lines; North cuts down Confederates
- Meade does not counterattack; Lee retreats to Virginia
  - staggering losses on both sides

### **Grant Wins at Vicksburg**

#### **Vicksburg Under Siege**

- Confederate **Vicksburg** prevents Union from controlling Mississippi
- Spring 1863, Union destroys MS rail lines, sacks Jackson
- Grant's assaults on Vicksburg fail, begins siege in May
- Starving Confederates surrender on July 4
- Port Hudson, LA falls 5 days later; Confederacy completely divided

### **The Gettysburg Address**

#### **The Memorial Ceremony**

- November 1863, ceremony held to dedicate cemetery in Gettysburg
- Edward Everett, noted speaker, gives flowery two-hour speech
- Lincoln's two-minute **Gettysburg Address** asserts unity of U.S.
  - honors dead soldiers
  - calls for living to dedicate selves to preserve Union, freedom

### **The Confederacy Wears Down**

#### **Confederate Morale**

- South unable to attack; hopes to undo North's morale, get armistice
- Civilian morale plummets; public calls for peace
- Discord in government prevents Davis from governing effectively

### **Grant Appoints Sherman**

- March 1864, Lincoln appoints Grant commander of all Union armies
- Grant appoints **William Tecumseh Sherman** commander of MS division
- Grant, Sherman believe in total war to destroy South's will to fight

### **Grant and Lee in Virginia**

- Grant's strategy: immobilize Lee in VA while Sherman raids Georgia

- May 1864–April 1865, Grant and Lee fight many battles
- Heavy losses on both sides; North can replace soldiers, South cannot

### **Sherman's March**

- Sept. 1864, Sherman takes Atlanta; South tries to cut supply lines
- Sherman cuts wide path of destruction in Georgia; lives off land
- December, takes Savannah, turns north to help Grant fight Lee
  - inflicts even more destruction in SC

### **The Election of 1864**

- Democrats want immediate armistice, nominate McClellan
- Radical Republicans—harsh conditions for readmission to Union
- Republicans change name, choose pro-Union Democrat as running mate
- Lincoln pessimistic; Northern victories, troops' votes give him win

### **The Surrender at Appomattox**

- After Petersburg, Davis's government leaves Richmond, sets it afire
- Lee surrenders April 1865 at village of **Appomattox Court House**
  - Lee's soldiers paroled on generous terms