

Ch 11 Section 5 The Legacy of the War

The War Changes the Nation

Political Changes

- War ends threat of secession; increases power of federal government

Economic Changes

- **National Bank Act** of 1863—federal system of chartered banks
- Gap between North and South widens:
 - North: industry booms; commercial agriculture takes hold
 - South: industry, farms destroyed

Costs of the War

- Hundreds of thousands dead, wounded; lives disrupted
- Financially, war costs the government estimated \$3.3 billion

The War Changes Lives

New Birth of Freedom

- 1865, **Thirteenth Amendment** abolishes slavery in all states

Civilians Follow New Paths

- Some soldiers stay in army; others become civilians; many go west
- Clara Barton helps found American **Red Cross** in 1881

The Assassination of Lincoln

- April 14, 1865, Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theatre
- Southern sympathizer, actor, and assassin **John Wilkes Booth** escapes, trapped by Union cavalry, shot
- 7 million people pay respects to Lincoln's funeral train