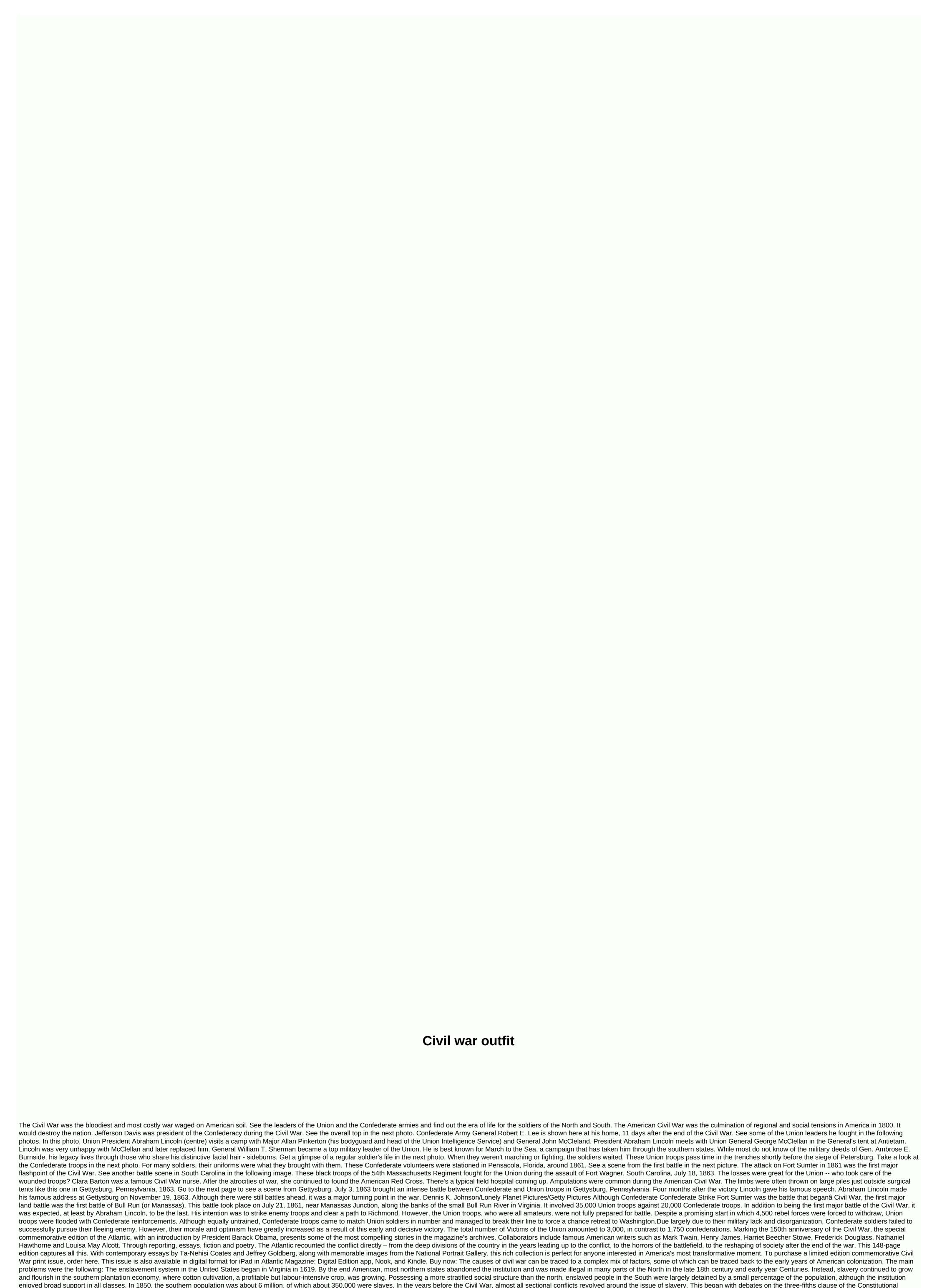
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Convention of 1787, which dealt with how enslaved people would be counted in determining the population of a state and, as a result, its representation in Congress. It continued with the Compromise of 1820 (the Missouri Compromise), which established the practice of admitting a free state (Tomorrow)

and a pro-enslavement state (Missouri) into the union at the same time to maintain regional balance in the Senate. Subsequent clashes took place involving the annulment crisis of 1832, the gag anti-slavery rule and the compromise of 1850. The implementation of the Gag Rule, passed part of the

Pinckney Resolutions of 1836, effectively declared that Congress would not take any action on petitions or similar related to the limitation or cessation of enslavement. Throughout the first half of the 19th century, Southern politicians tried to defend the slavery system by maintaining control over the federal government. Although they benefited from the fact that most of the presidents were from the South, they were particularly concerned about maintaining a balance of power in the Senate. As new states were added to the Union, a number of compromises were reached to maintain an equal number of free and pro-slavery states. Started in 1820, with admission from Missouri and Tomorrow, this approach led Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Texas, Iowa and Wisconsin to join the union. The balance was finally disrupted in 1850, when southerners allowed California to enter as a free state in exchange for laws that strengthen slavery, such as the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. This balance was further upset with the additions of free Minnesota (1859). Widening the gap between pro-slavery and free states was symbolic of the changes taking place in each region. While the South was committed to a slow-growing agrarian plantation economy, the North embraced industrialization, large urban areas, increased infrastructure, as well as facing high birth rates and a large influx of European immigrants. In the pre-war period, seven out of eight immigrants The United States settled in the North, and most brought with it negative views on slavery. This impulse boost the population condemned the efforts of the South to maintain the balance in the government, since it meant the future addition of several free states and the election of a northern, potentially anti-slavery, president. The political problem that eventually moved the nation to conflict was that of slavery in the Western territories won during the Mexican-American War. These lands included all or parts of the present states, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Nevada. A similar problem was addressed earlier, in 1820, when, as part of the Missouri Compromise, enslavement was permitted in Louisiana Purchase south of latitude 36°30'N (southern border of Missouri). Representative David Wilmot of Pennsylvania tried to prevent practice in the new territories in 1846, when he introduced Proviso Wilmot to Congress. After extensive debate, he was defeated. In 1850, an attempt was made to solve the problem. Part of the Compromise of 1850, which also admitted California as a free state, called for enslavement in the unorganized territories (largely Arizona & made to solve the problem. Part of the Compromise of 1850, which also admitted California as a free state, called for enslavement in the unorganized territories (largely Arizona & made to solve the problem. 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This meant that locals and their territorial legislatures would decide for themselves whether slavery would be allowed. Many believed that this decision solved the problem until it was raised again in 1854, with the adoption of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Proposed by Senator Stephen Douglas of Illinois, the Kansas-Nebraska Act essentially repealed the line imposed by the Missouri Compromise. Douglas, an ardent believer in basic democracy, felt that all territories should be subject to popular sovereignty. Seen as a concession to the South, the act led to an influx of pro- and antislavery forces into Kansas. Operating from rival territorial capitals, the Free And Border Ruffians engaged in open violence for three years. Although the pro-slavery forces in Missouri openly and improperly influenced the elections in the territory, President James Buchanan accepted the Lecompton Constitution and offered it to Congress for state. This was denied by Congress, which ordered a new election. In 1859, the Wyandotte Anti-Slavery Constitution was accepted by Congress. Fighting in Kansas has further heightened tensions between north and south. While the South acknowledged that government control was slipping, it turned to an argument of state rights to protect slavery. Southerners argued that the federal government was banned by the Tenth Amendment from preventing the right of slaves to take their property into new territory. They also stated that the federal government was not allowed to interfere with slavery in those states where it already existed. They considered that this kind of strict constructivist interpretation of coupled annulment or maybe secession would protect their way of life. The problem of enslavement was further accentuated by the rise of the black activist movement in the 19th century in the 19th century in the 18th and 1830s. Beginning in the North, the ad herd believed that slavery was morally wrong, rather than simply a social evil. Black activists of the 19th century varied in their beliefs from those who believed that all enslaved people should be released immediately (William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglas) to those who demand gradual emancipation (Theodore Weld, Arthur Tappan), to those who simply wanted to stop the spread of slavery and his influence (Abraham Lincoln). These activists campaigned for the end of the specific institution and supported anti-slavery causes, such as the free state movement in Kansas. At the rise of black activists in the 19th century in North America, an ideological debate arose with southerners about the morality of enslavement, with both sides frequently citing biblical sources. In 1852, the cause received increased attention after the publication of the anti-slavery novel, Uncle of Tom Cabin. Written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, the book helped transform the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. John Brown first made a name for himself during the Bleeding Kansas crisis. A fervent activist, Brown, along with his sons, fought with anti-slavery forces and were best known for the Pottawatomy Massacre, where they killed five pro-slavery farmers. While most 19th-century black activists in North America were pacifists, Brown advocated violence and insurrection to end the evils of slavery. In October 1859, funded by the extreme wing of the North American movement of 19th-century black activists, Brown and 18 men attempted to attack the government arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Va. Believing that the nation's enslaved men were ready to rise, Brown attacked in order to obtain weapons for insurrection. After initial success, the raiders were cornered in the arsenal engine house by the local militia. Shortly thereafter, the U.S. Marines under Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee arrived and captured Brown. On trial for treason, Brown was hanged in December. Before his death, he predicted that the crimes of this guilty earth would never be eliminated; but with blood. Tensions between the North and the South have been reflected in a growing schism in the nation's political parties. After the compromise of 1850 and the crisis in Kansas, the nation's two major parties, the Whigs and the Democrats, began to break along the regional lines. In the North, Whigs largely blended into a new party: Republicans. Formed in 1854, as an anti-slavery party, Republicans offered a vision for the future, which included a focus on industrialisation, education, and household. Although their presidential John C. Frémont, was defeated in 1856, the party interviewed strongly in the North and showed that it was the northern party of the future. In the south, the Republican Party was seen as an element of division and one that could lead to conflict. With the division of the Democrats, there was much fear as the elections of 1860 approached. The lack of a national appeal candidate has signalled that change is coming. Representing the Republicans was for the Northern Democrats. Their southern counterparts nominated John C. Breckinridge. Looking to find a compromise, the former Whigs in the border states created the Constitutional Union Party and nominated John C. Bell. The vote was conducted along the lines of the precise section when Lincoln won the South, and Bell won the border states. Douglas claimed Missouri and part of New Jersey. The North, with its growing population and increased electoral power, achieved what the South always feared: complete control of government by free states. In response to Lincoln's victory, South Carolina opened a convention to discuss separation from the Union. On 24 December 1860, he adopted a declaration of secession and left the Union. By The 1861 Secession Winter, he was followed by Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. As the states left, local forces took control of federal forts and installations without any resistance from the Buchanan Administration. The most important act took place in Texas, where General David E. Twiggs handed over a guarter of the entire U.S. army to its feet without firing a shot. When Lincoln soon took office on March 4, 1861, he inherited a crumbling nation. Election of 1860 Candidate Party Electoral Vote People's Vote Abraham Lincoln Republican 180 1,866,452 Stephen Douglas North Democrat 12 1,375,157 John C. Breckinridge Southern Democrat 72 847,953 John Bell Constitutional Union 39 590,631 590,631

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