

Major Civil War Battles Fought in Virginia

Virginia became a major battleground between Union and Confederate troops and several Virginians played a significant role in the Civil War.

The first **Battle of Bull Run** (also called the Battle of Manassas) was the first major land battle of the Civil War. Confederate **General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson** played a major role in this battle and received his nickname, Stonewall, after a Confederate general yelled: "See, there is Jackson, standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians."

General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, defeated Union troops in the Battle of Fredericksburg, VA.

Fredericksburg = Confederacy Victory!

Another major battle took place in **Richmond**, the capital of the Confederacy. **Richmond fell to Ulysses S. Grant and the Union.** It was later burned near the end of the war.

Richmond = Union victory!

President Lincoln used the Union navy to block many of the southern ports. An important sea battle between the **Monitor** (Union) and **Merrimack** (Confederate), two iron-clad ships, took place in Virginia waters near Norfolk and Hampton. The battle was fought to a draw.

Monitor vs. Merrimack = tie!

The Civil War ended at **Appomattox Courthouse**, Virginia, where Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in April 1865.

Appomattox Courthouse = end of war = Union Victory!