

Strategies During the Civil War (1861-1865)

Going into the war, each side expected a quick victory. Although, that began to change, and both the Union and Confederacy planned for a long, difficult struggle

Union (North)

1. Divide South Along the Mississippi River

- Cut supplies sent to troops
- Separate Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana from the Confederacy

Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi (1863)

- Lasted for a bit less than one month
- Lay on the east bank of the Mississippi River
- Campaign to take the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg
- Union victory

2. Capture Richmond

- Capital of Virginia, Capital of the Confederacy
- Once the capital would be captured, it seemed as though the war would end soon after
- Trench warfare - Confederacy had 2000 miles of trench

3. Blockade of Southern Ports

- Union's strong navy would block the ports to cut trade with Europe
- Eliminate cotton as a weapon
- Stretched all across the Southern coastline

4. Capture Chattanooga RR Hub

- Split the key transportation hub of the Confederacy
- Once hub is captured, rapid transportation is impossible through the hub

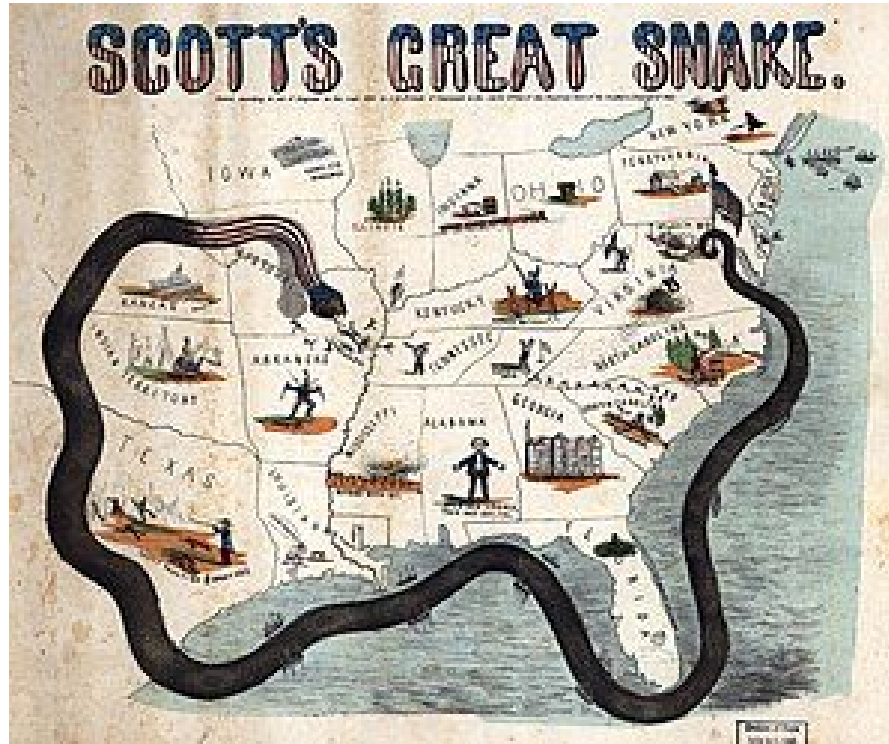
Total War - Unrestricted warfare in terms of weaponry, territory, or objectives

- Plans to harm the Confederacy's economy were utilized by the Union
- Destroy enemy's ability to survive: food supplies, cattle, etc.



Union's Anaconda Plan

Blockade of Southern ports across the coastline and inland



Confederacy (South)

1. Get Allies

- Relied on European money and supplies to be successful in the war
- Trade with allied countries

2. Cotton as a Weapon

- Trade their most valuable resource, cotton, for valuable supplies
- Cotton was a smart trade, appealing to imperial countries

3. Defensive War

- Fight defensively
- Let the North come to the South
- Eventually tire them out

4. Outlast

- Hope that the Union would become tired of fighting
- If war became unpopular in the North, Lincoln may give in

5. Take War to the North (1863)

- Robert E. Lee created a plan to capture Washington, DC
- Like the Union's plan to capture Richmond
- Once the capital would be captured, it seemed as though the war would end soon after

