

The Civil War was a conflict between the states of the United States of America. The states of the North, called the Union, fought against the states of the South, or the Confederates.

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The fighting began on April 12,
1861, when the Confederate army
attacked a Union army in South
Carolina at Fort Sumter.



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The muzzle-loading rifle could be loaded at the rate of about three times a minute. Its maximum range was about 1,000 yards.



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