

# Chapter 16

## Section 5

- The Battle of Gettysburg finally turned the tides in the favor of the Union.

### Union Campaigns Cripple the Confederacy

- The Union worked to take the Confederate capital of Richmond in a series of battles known as the Wilderness Campaign
- To help win reelection, Lincoln needed a victory, which came from Atlanta being captured - defeating the South
- His plan was to destroy Atlanta
- After capturing Atlanta and helping the reelection of Lincoln, Sherman set his sights on Savannah
- During this march he practiced total war which was destroying civilian and economic resources
- The result of total war: ruined economy and ability to fight; destroyed railways, bridges, crops, livestock and resources; burned plantations and freed slaves

### The South Surrenders

- The Confederate Army found itself very weary, no weapons and running very low on supplies.
- Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse
- What did Grant say to Union forces at the war's end?  
"The war is over. The rebels are our countrymen again."
- What were the lasting effects of the Civil War?
  - 620,000 Americans lost their lives
  - ended slavery
    - ↳ majority of former slaves had no homes or jobs
    - ↳ Southern economy in ruins
  - still had a tremendous amount of hostility