

IV. Secession

Soon after the election of Lincoln seven states in seceded – left the **Union**

- ① **South Carolina** – seceded first – *December 20, 1860*
 - ② Mississippi ③ Florida ④ Alabama
 - ⑤ Georgia ⑥ Louisiana ⑦ Texas – *February 1, 1861*
- SC, TX, GA, MS, AL, cite defense of slavery in ordinances of secession

Why leave the Union? They believed that . . .

- ① Lincoln would induce the border states to free their slaves
 - ◆ border states – Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri
- ② Lincoln would call on slaves to escape or rebel

The only way to preserve their way of life (and their slaves) was to leave

February 7, 1861 – The seven state establish the Confederate States of America

- Capital – Montgomery, Alabama
- President Jefferson Davis of Mississippi
- Constitution included an explicit protecting of slavery

The war began on **April 12, 1861** at 4:30 in the morning

- southern artillery fired on Fort Sumter
 - ◆ a federal installation located in Charleston harbor, S.C.
- ★ **Lincoln had decided to resupply the fort – food only**
 - ◆ he had notified the governor of SC of his intentions

On April 15, 1861, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion

■ **Four more states secede** – opposed to use of force against the South

- ◆ Virginia – North Carolina – Tennessee – Arkansas
- ◆ Western Virginia refuses to secede – becomes a state in 1863
- ◆ the Confederate capital is moved to Richmond

■ **The four border slave states remain loyal to Union**

- ◆ Maryland – Delaware – Missouri – Kentucky
- ◆ although at first Kentucky proclaimed “neutrality”