Civil War Timeline  
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| August 1831 |  |
|  | Underground Railroad used by slaves to escape to freedom. |
| October 16, 1859 | John Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry |
|  | Abraham Lincoln elected as President of the United States |
| April 12, 1861 | Confederate Army fires on Fort Sumter |
|  | Virginia secedes from Union |
| July 21, 1861 |  |
| March 8-9, 1862 |  |
| December 11-15, 1862 | Battle of Fredericksburg – Confederate victory |
|  | West Virginia admitted to the Union as 35th state |
|  | Richmond burns – citizens evacuate the city |
| April 9, 1865 |  |

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| ***Add these dates and events to the timeline above*** |
| *1863* |
| *1861* |
| *1850s* |
| *1860* |
| *April 3, 1865* |
| *Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox Court House, VA* |
| *Nat Turner Rebellion* |
| *Battle of Hampton Roads – ended in a draw* |
| *First Battle of Bull Run – Confederate victory* |