



Causes of the Civil War

In A Nutshell

The American Civil War is unique in a number of ways; it remains the deadliest and most destructive of all America's wars, the first modern war on the continent (and, perhaps, the globe), and the only conflict in United States history fought entirely on the nation's soil. The Civil War is also—with the exception of the Vietnam War—America's most misunderstood war; it has been remembered as a struggle to preserve the Union and a (northern) crusade to emancipate slaves and to end the institution of slavery forever. The truth is that the road to war—and thus the set of issues that underscored the hostilities—was never that simple.

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In 1848, most slaves lived in states that had not existed before the adoption of the United States Constitution. Annual cotton production was estimated at nearly 5 million bales in 1860. This was the highest total output of the entire antebellum era.

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