

# Fort Sumter: The First Shots

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## Understanding the Beginning of the Civil War

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Answer the following questions based on your lesson about Fort Sumter and the Civil War.

1. What were some of the main differences between the Northern and Southern states that contributed to the Civil War?

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2. Who fired the first shots at Fort Sumter?

- A. Union soldiers
- B. Confederate soldiers
- C. The President

3. Fort Sumter was located in South Carolina.

True       False

4. The attack on Fort Sumter marked the \_\_\_\_ of the Civil War.

5. Why was Fort Sumter considered strategically important during the Civil War?

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6. What central issue was a major factor leading to the conflict between the North and South?

- A. Taxes
- B. Slavery
- C. Trade agreements

7. The Civil War began because of disagreements over states' rights and slavery.

True       False

8. The phrase 'Blessed are the \_\_\_\_' comes from Matthew 5:9 and emphasizes the importance of peace.

9. In what ways could conflicts like those seen at Fort Sumter be resolved without violence?

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10. What did the attack on Fort Sumter symbolize for the nation?

- A. Unity
  - B. Division
  - C. Peace
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**Answer Key**

1. The Northern states had industries, the South focused on agriculture and slavery. 2. Confederate soldiers 3. True 4. beginning 5. Fort Sumter was a key location in Charleston Harbor. 6. Slavery 7. True 8. peacemakers 9. Dialogue and negotiation can help resolve conflicts. 10. Division