1860 – 1865

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Civil War timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Battle of Antietam**
The bloodiest single day of the war, fought in Maryland.

☐ **Fort Sumter**
The war begins when Confederate forces fire on a U.S. fort in South Carolina on April 12.

☐ **Battle of Gettysburg**
A major Union victory in Pennsylvania and a turning point of the war.

☐ **Emancipation Proclamation**
Lincoln declares enslaved people in the Confederate states to be free on January 1.

☐ **Gettysburg Address**
Lincoln gives a famous short speech honoring the fallen soldiers in November.

☐ **Surrender at Appomattox**
Confederate General Lee surrenders to Union General Grant on April 9.

☐ **Southern States Secede**
Eleven Southern states leave the Union and form the Confederacy.

☐ **13th Amendment**
Slavery is abolished everywhere in the United States in December.

☐ **Lincoln Assassinated**
President Lincoln is killed just days after the war ends, on April 14.

☐ **Lincoln Elected**
Abraham Lincoln is elected president, alarming the slaveholding South.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

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1861 — 2. Southern States Secede

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