The American Civil War

The American civil war is also known as the war between the states. It was one of the worst wars in American History and was fought between the northern and southern states of the US.

The Civil war started in 1861 when the group of slaves of the south founded the Confederate States of America whose president was Jefferson Davis. The northern states, under president Abraham Lincain, were totally against slavery. Althrough the confederates won some early battles but later the union became stronger and defeated the southern states in 1865.

Causes of the American Civil war

In early times there was a difference in the attitude towards slaves which was the root cause of the American civil war. This had its effects in the economic and political sphere too. The factors which led to the outbreak of the civil war in America are —

* Attitude towards Slaves :- The northern states which were Industrialized preferred paid laborers while agricultural southern states which had large plantations were dependent on slave labor.

Slavery was abolished in northern states in 1804, and then they became "free states".

* The disparity between Northern and Southern states on economy:— The states in the north were industrialized while Southern states where primarily agricultural. Northern states wanted a tax on imports from Britain while southern states wanted tax—free trade with Britain.

* Abolition of slavery :— A strong movement for the abolition of slavery began in the northern states. It called for the correction of the controversial fugitive slave Act of 1850.

* The fear of reforms by Abraham Lincoln and the Republican party:— An immediate cause of the Civil War was the American presidential election in which the Republican party candidate, Abraham Lincoin won.