



# Fascinating Story



- ❧ Interest in the Civil War gained dramatically following the premiere of Ken Burns' documentary.
- ❧ For the students, historians and interested, the story of the American Civil War has no equal.
- ❧ The story has many parts, many angles. It played out in locations and disciplines beyond the battle fields, extending to every state and across Europe.
- ❧ The story also has many parallels to the US today. Listen to the words of Jefferson Davis and you'll hear those same words at any Tea Party rally.
- ❧ If Lincoln had not been re-elected in 1864, it is doubtful whether Barack Obama could have been elected in 2008. And Lincoln's re-election was in serious jeopardy as the Confederates regrouped after the summer of '63. His fate rested on the success of the Union Army.
- ❧ It was not until September 2, 1864, when Atlanta surrendered to General Sherman, that Lincoln's re-election was assured.
- ❧ In between Lincoln's election in 1860 and 1865, it was "life-or-death" for the world's first experiment with democracy.
- ❧ That daily drama – the battle lines, the homefronts, the politics, both domestically and abroad, the economy, the heroes and the fallen – will be brought to life, 150 years later, through the communication methods of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.