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Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which events take place, from first to last.
- Clue words such as *first*, *next*, and *then* may show sequence in a story or article, but not always. Other clues are dates and times of day.
- Sometimes two events happen at the same time. Clue words that show this are *meanwhile* and *in that same year*.

Directions Read the passage. Then number the events in order.

In November 1864, Abraham Lincoln was reelected President of the United States. In that same month, General William Sherman conquered Confederate forces in Atlanta, Georgia, and began his infamous March to the Sea. Sherman's army destroyed everything in its path as it marched the 300 miles to Savannah. After taking Savannah in December, Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln and offered him the city as a Christmas present.

By the beginning of 1865, the Confederacy had suffered overwhelming

losses, as well as shortages of food and supplies. Starving soldiers began to leave the army. Meanwhile, General Sherman continued his attack through the Carolinas. In April, General Robert E. Lee and his men left Richmond, the Confederate capital. They surrendered to the Union army at Appomattox Courthouse on April 7. Exactly one week later, President Lincoln was assassinated in Washington, D.C.

_____ The Confederate army surrenders.

_____ Sherman takes Savannah.

_____ Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.

_____ Abraham Lincoln is reelected.

_____ Confederate soldiers begin leaving the army.



Home Activity Your child has read an informational passage and studied the order in which the passage's events occurred. With your child, read about a famous historical period. Have your child make a time line of the important events.