"THE PASSING OF THE DEAD"
THE DEFEAT OF THE CONFEDERACY AND THE RESULTS OF MODERN WAR

WAR OF ATTRITION

Grant's pursuit of Lee (Winter 1863-1865)
- continuous aggression, eliminate/outlast the enemy
- burn everything not used by invading army

Cold Harbor — 7,000 Union soldiers in 20 min.
Petersburg siege (outside Richmond)
Lee's army 1/2 size

Election of 1864 —
War of Maneuver — Conf. perpetual movement/retreat, Sherman follows
Atlanta — RR hub of the South
Burned most of Atlanta
$150 million damaged property, freed 40,000 slaves, burned plantations
Confederacy's Defeat
Conf. desertion rates

Surrender ceremony
“awed stillness... as if it were the passing of the dead” (Chamberlain)
A MODERN WAR

- Am. Civil War = 1st modern war
- casualties (200% more than WWII)
- Stomach/head wound = fatal, amputations, disease kills 2X as many as battle
- all aspects of society & govt. directed to war efforts
- Firepower & manpower win wars
- Outlast the enemy, “bleed them white”
- New Weapons/Instruments of War: w/ “rifled” barrels