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## The Civil War

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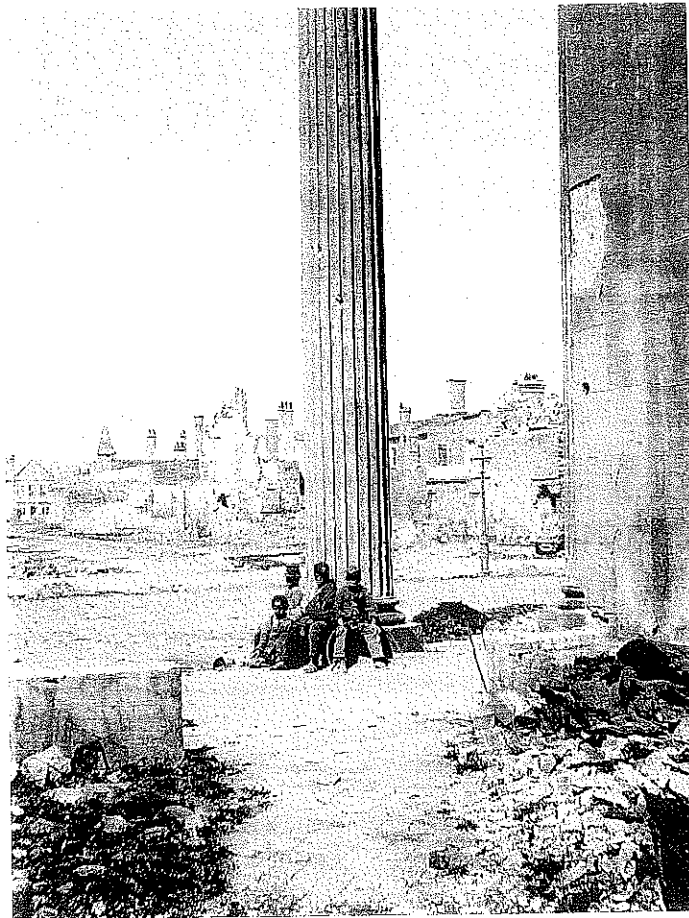
# Charleston, South Carolina



**ABOUT THE SOURCE** Confederate cannons opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor in April 1861. These were the first shots of the Civil War. During the war, Union commanders made several efforts to capture the city. Union warships repeatedly shelled Charleston's defenses but the city remained in Confederate hands. Finally, in 1865, a northern army under William Sherman marched through South Carolina. Now cut off, Charleston fell to Union troops in February. The photo below was taken at Charleston two months later.



*As you look note the people and the buildings shown in the photograph.*



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### **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**

1. What appears to have happened in the city before this photograph was taken?

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2. How could this photograph symbolize the Confederacy in April 1865?

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3. In what way does this photograph represent progress and victory?

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