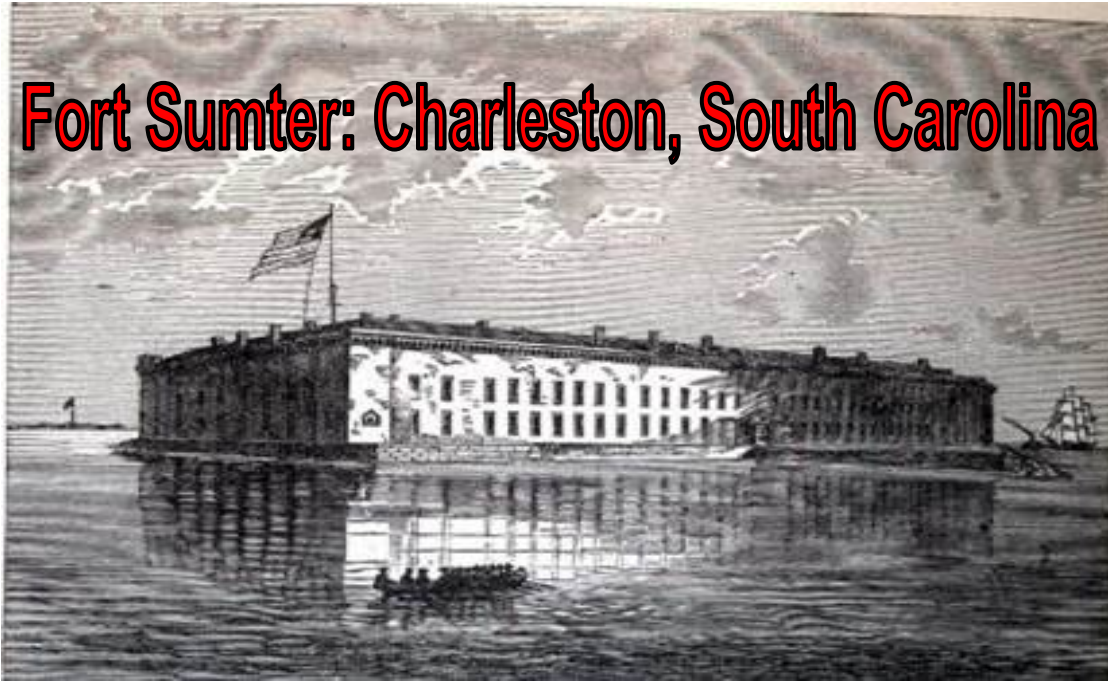


# Fort Sumter: Charleston, South Carolina



Dear Maria,

*I am here at Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. I can't believe that this is where the whole war started! It's such an interesting and historical place to visit! I've learned so many things about Fort Sumter.*

*In April of 1861, Major Robert Anderson and his Northern troops occupied the Southern fort under Abraham Lincoln's orders. The Southern troops attacked the fort on April 12, at 4:30 am, when Lieutenant Farliegh of the South fired the first shot, without following the orders of his commander, General Beauregard.*

*The battle commenced, but it ended up being bloodless. The Northern troops surrendered. The Confederates allowed them to sail home peacefully, but they wanted something more. They wanted to fire a 100 cannon salute to the Union flag, that ended up accidentally killing a Southern soldier and mortally wounding another! Isn't that awful?! It ended up being only a 50 cannon salute.*

*Fort Sumter is a blast! I want to come back some time, and I would love it if you came with me! It's a great place to visit.*

-Your sister,

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