

Four Battles of the Civil War

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Article 1: No Picnic: The First Battle of Bull Run

Comprehension Questions

1. How did General Stonewall Jackson of the Confederate army get his nickname?
 - a. By telling his men to take stones from a wall and throw them at the Union soldiers.
 - b. By jumping up on a stone wall and shouting to his men, "Run for your lives!"
 - c. By standing like a stone wall during a battle even when it seemed that the Union was winning the battle.
 - d. By telling Lincoln that the Confederate states would last as long as a stone wall.

2. How did the First Battle of Bull Run change Northerners' ideas about the Civil War?
 - a. The battle showed other people in Washington that they should ride out to battlefields and have picnics, too.
 - b. One million Union soldiers left the Union army.
 - c. Northerners could see that the Confederate army did not know much about fighting.
 - d. The battle showed Northerners that the war wouldn't be as easy as they had thought.

Vocabulary Questions

1. The _____ states were the Southern states during the Civil War.
 - a. Union
 - b. Confederate
 - c. Northern
 - d. Charleston

2. The Union was the _____ states in the Civil War.
 - a. Northern
 - b. Manassas
 - c. Southern
 - d. Confederate

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Article 2: "Forever Free": The Battle of Antietam

Comprehension Questions

1. Why did General Lee want to invade the North?
 - a. Because the land in the North was better for big battles.
 - b. Because people on the Union side might want to end the war if the fighting was happening on their land.
 - c. Because his men would be close enough to kill President Lincoln.
 - d. Because the North was closer to England and other countries.
2. What important announcement did Lincoln make five days after the Battle of Antietam?
 - a. He said that new soldiers could sign up for 90 days because the Union needed more soldiers.
 - b. He said that slaves would only be freed if they joined the Union army.
 - c. He said that he would free all the slaves in states that were still fighting against the Union.
 - d. He said that he would ask England to help the Union win the war.

Vocabulary Questions

1. On January 1, 1863, Lincoln gave his Emancipation Proclamation. Emancipation means _____.
 - a. setting people free
 - b. destroying an enemy
 - c. signing up soldiers
 - d. winning a battle
2. Proclamation means _____.
 - a. a secret plan
 - b. a diary
 - c. a plan of attack
 - d. an announcement

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Article 3: "Brave Men, Living and Dead": The Battle of Gettysburg

Comprehension Questions

1. Who won the Battle of Gettysburg?
 - a. The South
 - b. It was not clear who had won the battle
 - c. General Robert E. Lee
 - d. The North

2. Why was the Battle of Gettysburg so important?
 - a. Because after the battle, President Lincoln gave a speech called the Emancipation Proclamation.
 - b. Because after Gettysburg, all the battles were fought in the North.
 - c. Because the South was never strong enough to invade the North again, and this gave the Northerners hope.
 - d. Because Gettysburg was the last battle that was won by the South.

Vocabulary Questions

1. _____ is another name for a graveyard.
 - a. Ridge
 - b. Cemetery
 - c. Gettysburg
 - d. Pickett

2. A _____ is a long strip of high ground.
 - a. battlefield
 - b. ridge
 - c. Round Top
 - d. Maryland

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Article 4: Splitting the South: The Siege of Vicksburg

Comprehension Questions

1. Why did General Grant want to capture Vicksburg?
 - a. So that the North could control the Mississippi River.
 - b. Because Vicksburg was full of guns and other supplies that General Grant wanted for his Union army.
 - c. Because Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson had gone to Vicksburg after the Battle of Gettysburg.
 - d. Because Vicksburg made food and medicine for Confederate soldiers.
2. Why did the Confederates in Vicksburg give up?
 - a. Because President Lincoln said that people in the United States should stay together as one country.
 - b. Because the Union army surrounded the town until the Confederates and townspeople ran out of food.
 - c. Because the Union army killed General Robert E. Lee.
 - d. Because the Confederates believed that Vicksburg was not as important as Gettysburg.

Vocabulary Questions

1. In a _____, an army surrounds a city or town and doesn't let anyone in or out.
 - a. proclamation
 - b. stonewall
 - c. march
 - d. seige
2. A _____ is a place where the ground is very soft and wet.
 - a. fort
 - b. battlefield
 - c. swamp
 - d. ridge