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# 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