BATTLE OF ANTIETAM

The Battle of Antietam occurred on September 17, 1862 near Sharpsburg, Maryland. Another name for the Battle of Antietam is the Battle of Sharpsburg. The fight was between the Union Army led by General George McClellan and the Confederate Army led by General Robert E. Lee.

Leading up to the battle, the Confederate Army had been on the defensive. Most of the fighting had been in the south. However, after a victory at the Second Battle of Bull Run the Confederate Army was feeling confident and decided to go on the attack. They hoped to invade the north by the way to Pennsylvania. The Confederate Army hoped by winning more battles that England and France would recognize the Confederacy as an independent country.

The Union Army entered Maryland. The Union troops decided to attack the Confederate Army in order to stop them. On the morning of September 17, 1862, Union troops began their initial attack on the Confederate soldiers as they rested in a cornfield. This would be the first battle on a field on the eastern front.

In the middle of the day, the battle became more intense. They fought on a road. Many people died in the road that later became known as "Bloody Lane."

In the afternoon phase, the fighting moved south as Union General Ambrose Burnside's men charged across a bridge. This bridge would become known as "Burnside's Bridge." The Confederate Army retreated.

While the Union Army did win, the losses they suffered were far worse than they should have been. The Union Army had far outnumbered the Confederate troops. However, the General of the Union Army, George McClellan, was a poor leader. He could have attacked them as they retreated as well, but refused. After this battle, Abraham Lincoln removed him from his position. Ulysses S. Grant became the new General of the Union Army.

For the Confederates, the retreat was also sad as France and England still refused to see them as a separate country.

Sadly, the Battle of Antietam was the bloodiest battle in the Civil War. In all 22,717 people died

WORDS TO KNOW

Intense – fierce or severe
Retreated – to leave or withdraw
Defensive – protective

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SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

? Something you have a question about

! Something that surprised you

♡ Your favorite fact

COLOR

YELLOW
Who was General George McClellan?

GREEN
Where was the 1st battle of the eastern front?

BLUE
What did the Confederates hope to gain if they won?

PREVIEW

BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

What [illegible] was the Battle of Fredericksburg fought?

☐ Nov[illegible]ber ☐ December ☐ January

[illegible] of Fredericksburg?

☐ Mary[illegible] ☐ Georgia ☐ Virginia

Who won [illegible] Fredericksburg?

☐ [illegible] ☐ Union ☐ Province

[illegible] OR FALSE

Burnside [illegible] role of commander [illegible] being pressured by the mayor.

TRUE FALSE

Abraham Lincoln instructed Burnside to lead a major attack on the Confederate troops.

[illegible]RUE FALSE

[illegible]N THE BLANK

The Union Army was led by General Ambrose [illegible]side and a Confederate Army troop was led by General _____.

The results of the battle quickly plum[illegible] the Union _____.

WORD SEARC[illegible]

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BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG

The Battle of Fredericksburg took place over the course of several days in Virginia. It took place from December 11, 1862 to December 15, 1862. The combat was fought between the Union Army led by General Ambrose Burnside and a Confederate Army troop led by General Robert E. Lee.

General Ambrose Burnside did not want his position. He had refused it twice, but only accepted the role of commander after being pressured by the President.

Abraham Lincoln instructed Burnside to lead a major attack on the Confederate troops. His goal was to reach to the Confederate capital of Richmond before the Confederate troops could stop them.

Burnside's initial strategy was going to go toward a wide part of the Rappahannock River where the bridges had been burned down. It would look like the Union Army was stuck. They would have floating bridges to help them across which could be removed, forcing Lee's troops to get stuck. However, the plan failed because the pontoon bridges didn't arrive in time.

The Union Army was forced to camp by the river and the Confederate Army noticed the Union Army camping by the river. When the Union Army began to build the bridges the Confederate Army, who was hiding began shooting at the Union troops.

The Union Army was unprepared for the battle. They lost this battle terribly despite outnumbering the Confederate troops. In fact, the battle is referred to as the most one-sided battle of the Civil War. The Union Army lost twice as many soldiers as the Confederate Army. The Union lost 12,653 men.

After this battle, people began to criticize Abraham Lincoln. They believed he should have been able to end the war with the Confederate troops sooner. This led to Burnside being removed from his position which Burnside was quite happy about. The results of the battle quickly plummeted the Union morale.

WORDS TO KNOW

Criticize – to disapprove of
Combat – fighting or battle
Plummeted – to fall or decrease

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SYMBOLS

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COLOR

YELLOW
How many soldiers did the Confederate Army lose?

GREEN
Why did Burnside accept the role of commander?

BLUE
Why did Burnside's bridge strategy fail?

PREVIEW

BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

What ... as the Battle of Chancellorsville?

☐ 1861 ☐ 1862 ☐ 1863

Wh... le B... of Chancellorsville?

☐ Virgi... ☐ Maryland ☐ Kentucky

How mar... n did t... Confederacy lose during this battle?

☐ ...,0... ☐ 17,000 ☐ 21,000

T... OR FALSE

The Confe...erate ...y ... hiding in the hills prote... the wa... to Knoxville.

TRUE FALSE

The Union troops had 130,000 soldiers while the Confederates only had 60,000.

...RUE FALSE

...N THE BLANK

The Union Army was heading toward Richmon... take over the _____.

Because of Lee's strategy, historians s... was Rob... E. Lee ... "_____ ...attle."

WORD SEARC...

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