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Abraham Lincoln.

November 19, 1863.

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Rebirth of a Nation Joel Edward Goza, 2024-09-24 Joel Edward Goza dismantles the deep seated myths that perpetuate white supremacy and makes the case that reparations are necessary to heal America's racial wounds and live up to our democratic ideals. Like many well intentioned white people Goza once believed that he could support Black America's struggle for equality without supporting reparations. Reparations he thought were altogether irrelevant to the real work of racial justice. This is a book about why he was wrong. In fact any effort to heal our nation's wounds will fail without reparations. In *Rebirth of a Nation* Goza exposes lesser known aspects of racism in American history and how Black people have consistently been depicted as responsible for their own oppression to justify slavery, Jim Crow, mass incarceration and gross inequality. Goza's iconoclastic and incisive account exposes how revered figures like Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln embedded white supremacy deep into our nation's consciousness and how Ronald Reagan manipulated this ideology so that society cheered as he advanced a set of policies that wounded our nation and intensified Black America's suffering. But *Rebirth of a Nation* is not merely about accountability. It is also about hope. A reparations process is not a utopian dream. Goza offers a practical path toward closing the racial wealth gap. *Rebirth of a Nation* shows readers how they can join the reparative process working toward the creation of a more perfect union.

A Nation Forged in Fire: Blood and Rebirth

Gaurav Garg, The storm had been gathering for decades. As the 1850s give way to a nation fractured by the irrepressible conflict over slavery and states rights, *The Crimson Tide* of Union unfurls an epic action packed saga of the American Civil War and its tumultuous aftermath seen through the intertwined lives of four unforgettable characters. Nathaniel Pearce, a young Boston lawyer driven by abolitionist fervor, finds his idealism shattered by the brutal enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act in the Deep South. Volunteering for the Union Army, his journey takes him from the chaos of Bull Run and the strategic planning rooms of high command to the horrific killing fields of Antietam and Gettysburg, forcing him to confront the devastating human cost of his convictions and later the challenges of forging a just peace during Reconstruction. Jedediah Colter, a Virginia farmer loyal to his state but uneasy with secession, is swept into the Confederate ranks only to find his loyalties tested and his spirit broken by the war's savage realities. His path will lead him through the inferno of major battles, forcing him to make choices that will redefine his understanding of honor, duty and country, ultimately leading him to fight under the Union banner. Seraphina Duvall, a charismatic Charleston belle, moves in a world of shadows and secrets as a daring Confederate spy. From the formation of the Confederacy in Montgomery to the besieged capital of Richmond, she navigates a treacherous web of espionage, her intelligence shaping key events even as the mounting human cost and the Confederacy's desperate measures test her resolve and her conscience. Samuel Sam Freeman, an enslaved man burning for freedom, seizes the chaos of war to escape bondage. His perilous journey north leads him to Philadelphia where he aids other fugitives and eventually joins the newly formed United States Colored Troops. Rising to First Lieutenant, he fights with valor

at Port Hudson Petersburg and in the final campaigns battling not only the Confederacy but also the bitter prejudice within his own army determined to secure true liberty and equality for his people From the first shots at Fort Sumter through the brutal turning points at Vicksburg Shiloh and the Overland Campaign to the final surrender at Appomattox and the turbulent dawn of Reconstruction with its promise and peril *The Crimson Tide of Union* is a sweeping historical epic of courage sacrifice divided loyalties and the relentless struggle for freedom and a nation's soul Witness the Civil War not just as a series of battles but as a deeply human drama that forged the America we know today *The 5 Biggest Civil War Battles* Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02 Of all the Civil War battles fought and of all the victories achieved by Robert E Lee at the command of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia the Battle of Chancellorsville is considered the most tactically complex and ultimately the most brilliant Confederate victory of the war In early May 1863 the Army of the Potomac was at the height of its power as it bore down on Robert E Lee's Army of Northern Virginia near Fredericksburg where the Confederates had defeated them the previous December The Union behemoth had spent most of the winter season being reorganized and drilled by Fighting Joe Hooker an aggressive commander who had fought hard at places like Antietam With an army nearing 130 000 men Hooker's Army of the Potomac was twice the size of the Army of Northern Virginia With that advantage Hooker proposed a daring and aggressive two pronged attack that aimed to keep Lee's army occupied in front of Fredericksburg while marching around its left Meanwhile a cavalry raid well in the rear was intended to cut Lee's lines of supplies and possibly retreat Hooker's plan initially worked perfectly with the division of his army surprising Lee At the end of May 1 Lee was outnumbered 2 to 1 and now had to worry about threats on two fronts Incredibly Lee once again decided to divide his forces in the face of the enemy sending Stonewall Jackson to turn the Union army's right flank while the rest of the army maintained positions near Fredericksburg The Battle of Chancellorsville is one of the most famous of the Civil War and the most famous part of the battle was Stonewall Jackson's daring march across the Army of the Potomac's flank surprising the XI Corps with an attack on May 2 1863 Having ignored warnings of Jackson's march the XI Corps was quickly routed The surprise was a costly success however as Jackson was mortally wounded after being mistakenly fired upon by his own men The names of history's most famous battles still ring in our ears today their influence immediately understood by all Marathon lent its name to the world's most famous race but it also preserved Western civilization during the First Persian War Saratoga won by one of the colonists most renowned war heroes before he became his nation's most vile traitor Hastings ensured the Normans success in England and changed the course of British history Waterloo which marked the reshaping of the European continent and Napoleon's doom has now become part of the English lexicon In Charles River Editors' Greatest Battles in History series readers can get caught up to speed on history's greatest battles in the time it takes to finish a commute while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known Without question the most famous battle of the American Civil War took place outside of the small town of Gettysburg Pennsylvania which happened to be a transportation

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Brigadier General Robert L. McCook and Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. Wayne Fanebust, 2017-06-09 The dramatic battlefield deaths of brother Union Army commanders Robert L McCook and Daniel McCook Jr members of a prominent Ohio family known as the Fighting McCooks drew the full attention of the news media and a war weary nation A veteran of Shiloh and Chickamauga Colonel Daniel McCook was mortally wounded while leading his brigade in a reckless assault up Kennesaw Mountain in June 1864 on the orders of his friend and former law partner General William Tecumseh Sherman Brigadier General Robert L McCook distinguished himself in the western Virginia campaign before he was shot by a Rebel while riding in an ambulance in the summer of 1862 His death in what was an apparent ambush set off a firestorm of outrage throughout the North

The World's Greatest Generals Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02 It is well that war is so terrible otherwise we should grow too fond of it Robert E Lee With the exception of George Washington perhaps the most famous general in American history is Robert E Lee January 19 1807 October 12 1870 despite the fact he led the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia against the Union in the Civil War As the son of U S Revolutionary War hero Henry Light Horse Harry Lee III and a relative of Martha Custis Washington Lee was imbued with a strong sense of honor and duty from the beginning And as a top graduate of West Point Lee had distinguished himself so well before the Civil War that President Lincoln asked him to command the entire Union Army Lee famously declined serving his home state of Virginia instead after it seceded Lee is remembered today for constantly defeating the Union's Army of the Potomac in the Eastern theater from 1862-1865 considerably frustrating Lincoln and his generals His leadership of his army led to him being deified after the war by some of his former subordinates especially Virginians and he came to personify the Lost Cause's ideal Southern soldier His reputation was secured in the decades after the war as a general who brilliantly led his men to amazing victories against all odds Despite his successes and his legacy Lee wasn't perfect And of all the battles Lee fought in he was most criticized for Gettysburg particularly his order of Pickett's Charge on the third and final day of the war Despite the fact his principle subordinate and corps leader General James Longstreet advised against the charge Lee went ahead with it ending the army's defeat at Gettysburg with a violent climax that left half of the men who charged killed or wounded Although the Civil War came to define Lee's legacy he was involved in some of American history's other turning points including the Mexican American War and the capture of John Brown The

World's Greatest Generals The Life and Career of Robert E Lee closely examines Lee's war records but it also humanizes the cheerful husband who was raised and strove to be dignified and dutiful Along with pictures of Lee and other important people and events in his life you will learn about the great general like you never have before in no time at all **Civil War Alabama** Christopher Lyle McIlwain, 2016-03-22 In fascinating detail Civil War Alabama reveals the forgotten breadth of political opinions and loyalties among white Alabamians during the antebellum period The book offers a major reevaluation of Alabama's secession crisis and path to war and destruction **The Rebirth of a Nation**, 1915 Leaders of the Lost Cause Gary W. Gallagher, Joseph T. Glatthaar, 2004 Two well known historians of the American Civil War collect new essays on eight major military commanders of the Confederacy The Ten Biggest Battles of the Civil War Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02 Americans have long been fascinated by the Civil War and its biggest battles particularly Gettysburg Antietam and Shiloh all of which involved Robert E Lee or Ulysses S Grant But one of the 6 biggest battles of the war and the one that took the heaviest toll by % on both armies was fought at the end of 1862 in Tennessee and it involved neither of those generals In late December 1862 William Rosecrans's Union Army of the Cumberland was contesting Middle Tennessee against Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee and for three days the two armies savaged each other as Bragg threw his army at Rosecrans in a series of desperate assaults Bragg's army was unable to dislodge the Union army and he eventually withdrew his army after learning that Rosecrans was on the verge of receiving reinforcements Though the battle was stalemated the fact that the Union army was left in possession of the field allowed Rosecrans to declare victory and embarrassed Bragg Of all the Civil War battles fought and of all the victories achieved by Robert E Lee at the command of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia the Battle of Chancellorsville is considered the most tactically complex and ultimately the most brilliant Confederate victory of the war In early May 1863 the Army of the Potomac was at the height of its power as it bore down on Robert E Lee's Army of Northern Virginia near Fredericksburg where the Confederates had defeated them the previous December The Union behemoth had spent most of the winter season being reorganized and drilled by Fighting Joe Hooker an aggressive commander who had fought hard at places like Antietam With an army nearing 130 000 men Hooker's Army of the Potomac was twice the size of the Army of Northern Virginia Lee's heavily outnumbered army won the most stunning victory of the war at Chancellorsville but it cost them Stonewall Jackson Moreover the reorganization of the armies and the battle itself played an influential role in the way the Pennsylvania Campaign and the Battle of Gettysburg unfolded later that summer Without question the most famous battle of the American Civil War took place outside of the small town of Gettysburg Pennsylvania which happened to be a transportation hub serving as the center of a wheel with several roads leading out to other Pennsylvanian towns From July 1-3 Robert E Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia tried everything in its power to decisively defeat George Meade's Union Army of the Potomac unleashing ferocious assaults that inflicted nearly 50 000 casualties in all Day 1 of the battle would have been one of the 25 biggest battles of the Civil War

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The Civil War Diaries of Cassie Fennell Whitney A. Snow, 2024-01-12 Born near Guntersville Alabama Catherine Cassie Fennell was nineteen when the Civil War began Starting with her time at a female academy in Washington DC the diaries continue through the war's end and discuss civilian experiences in Alabama and the Tennessee Valley Fennell believed that by keeping a diary she made a small contribution to the war effort and history itself Fennell was fairly well off and highly educated moving easily in very elite social circles Most of her relatives were staunch Confederates and the war took its toll with multiple members of her family killed or captured As Fennell recounts the consequences of war the downward spiral of the family fortune the withering of hope at news from the battlefield and the general uncertainty of civilian life in the South her diaries constitute one of the few contemporaneous records of north Alabama including the shelling and burning of Guntersville which has been poorly documented in the historiography of the Civil War While the first diary is written as a private reflection the war journals are well researched and rely on extensive familiarity with local newspapers and seem like they are intended for the eyes of later generations Ultimately these diaries amount to a social history of the war years in a specific region where scholars have recovered relatively few firsthand accounts and editor Whitney Snow's compilation adds to the now growing genre of women's Civil War diaries Insightful and engrossing *The Civil War Diaries of Cassie Fennell* is a compelling portrait of a privileged young woman who suffered devastating losses for her ardent support of a Confederate nation

The History of the Civil War Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02 Americans have long been fascinated by the Civil War marveling at the size of the battles the leadership of the generals and the courage of the soldiers Since the war's start over 150 years ago the battles have been subjected to endless debate among historians and the generals themselves The Civil War was the deadliest conflict in American history and had the two sides realized it would take 4 years and inflict over a million casualties it might not have been fought Since it did however historians and history buffs alike have been studying and analyzing the biggest battles ever since The secession of the South was one of the seminal events in American history but it also remains one of the most controversial The election of Abraham Lincoln was the impetus for secession but that was

merely one of many events that led up to the formation of the Confederacy and the start of the Civil War On December 20 a little more than a month after Lincoln had been elected the 16th president a convention met in Charleston and passed the first ordinance of secession by one of the United States declaring We the people of the State of South Carolina in convention assembled do declare and ordain that the Union now subsisting between South Carolina and other States under the name of the United States of America is hereby dissolved In January 1861 Mississippi Florida Alabama Georgia Louisiana and Kansas followed South Carolina's lead and the Confederate States of America was formed on February 4 in Montgomery Alabama with former Secretary of War Jefferson Davis inaugurated as its President A few weeks later Texas joined The Confederacy's hope of being let go in peace ended at 4 30 a m on the morning of April 12 1861 when Confederate Brigadier General P G T Beauregard ordered the first shots to be fired at the federal garrison defending Fort Sumter in the Charleston Harbor effectively igniting the Civil War For nearly 36 hours Beauregard's Confederates unleashed a general bombardment from 43 guns and mortars positioned at various points across the Harbor Unable to effectively reply or defend themselves Major Robert Anderson raised the white flag early in the afternoon of April 13 bringing the first battle of the Civil War to a close No casualties were suffered on either side during the dueling bombardments across Charleston Harbor but ironically two U S Army soldiers were killed by an accidental explosion during the surrender ceremonies After Fort Sumter the Lincoln Administration pushed for a quick invasion of Virginia with the intent of defeating Confederate forces and marching toward the Confederate capitol of Richmond Lincoln pressed Irvin McDowell to push forward Despite the fact that McDowell knew his troops were inexperienced and unready pressure from the Washington politicians forced him to launch a premature offensive against Confederate forces in Northern Virginia

The Heroes of Gettysburg Charles River Editors, 2025-05-04

Despite the fact that the Civil War began over 150 years ago it remains one of the most widely discussed topics in America today with Americans arguing over its causes reenacting its famous battles and debating which general was better than others Americans continue to be fascinated by the Civil War icons who made the difference between victory and defeat in the war's great battles Ironically one of the generals who often escapes the attention of Civil War fans who compile the lists of best generals is the man who won the war's most famous battle George G Meade 1815 1872 In fact Meade has become a perfect example of how the generals who did not self promote themselves and write memoirs after the war had their reputations suffer in the ensuing decades When people think of Appomattox Court House they think of Ulysses S Grant and Robert E Lee Few remember that the commander of the Army of the Potomac at the end of the Civil War was not Grant but Meade Meade exemplified modesty and competence serving as a career United States Army officer and civil engineer who fought with distinction in the eastern theater of the Civil War During the first half of the war Meade rose from command of a brigade to command of a division and finally command of the entire Army of the Potomac just days before the Battle of Gettysburg Winfield Scott Hancock was an intimidating figure who impressed friends foes and fellow generals alike Known

as Hancock the Superb after McClellan described his performance as such during the Battle of Williamsburg in the Peninsula Campaign of 1862 Hancock eventually rose to become the Army of the Potomac's greatest corps commander Though his reputation and legacy gradually faded over time Hancock was one of the North's foremost war heroes by the end of the war and he nearly became president in 1880 when he was just barely defeated by a less decorated Civil War veteran James Garfield After the Battle of Chancellorsville he fortuitously became the new II Corps commander in the Army of the Potomac just in time to deliver his greatest performance of all At Gettysburg Hancock was the commanding general in the field on Day 1 as Meade and the rest of the Union army arrived later that night On Day 2 Hancock's men assisted Sickles III Corps when Sickles disobeyed orders and moved it forward creating a gap in the Union lines And on Day 3 Hancock's greatest day of the war he was seriously injured and nearly bled to death while leading his men in their decisive repulse of Pickett's Charge Chamberlain had a respectable Civil War career and life but he had been largely forgotten in the decades after the Civil War with the focus on more influential commanding generals and their principal subordinates Then a remarkable thing happened with the 1974 publication of Michael Sharaa's *The Killer Angels* a Pulitzer Prize winning historical fiction that focuses on the Battle of Gettysburg and its influential generals and leaders In one fell swoop Michael Sharaa breathed life back into the reputations of men like John Buford and Joshua Chamberlain cast as the Union heroes of Day 1 and Day 2 respectively that made victory at Gettysburg possible In the novel Chamberlain's regiment holds the high ground against a series of desperate Confederate charges and when they ran out of gunpowder Chamberlain ordered a brave bayonet charge that drove the Confederates in their front from the fight With that the Union's left flank was saved

Light-Horse Harry Lee and Robert E. Lee Charles River Editors, 2025-05-01 nation demands his saving arm Henry Lee III The proud Virginian entered the war in uncertain times and there were understandable doubts about how well he could lead soldiers but through a combination of skill and luck he became one of his country's earliest and foremost military heroes After the war he would go on to a distinguished political career and he would find himself caught up in civil unrest toward the end of his life Some of those details might bring to mind the life story of George Washington and if those details included the name Lee most of them would immediately sound like a description of Robert E Lee's life In fact they only begin to scratch the surface of the life and career of Robert E Lee's father Henry Lee III who is best known by the nickname Light Horse Harry for the way he excelled as a cavalry officer during the Revolutionary War When the Revolution began the Continental Army sported numerous volunteers from Ireland Scotland virtually every European nation between France and Russia and men from the northern and southern borders of the European continent This is understandable given that at the start of the war military confrontations between the world powers had become so common that combat was raised to the status of a fine art consuming a large portion of time for adolescent males in training and comprising a sizeable component of the economy Weaponry was developed to a degree of quality not accessible to most North Americans and European aristocrats were reared in the

mastery of swordsmanship with an emphasis on the saber for military use Likewise the cavalry buoyed by a tradition of expert horsemanship and saddle based combat was a fighting force largely beyond reach for colonists which meant that fighting on horses was an undeveloped practice in the fledgling Continental Army and the American military did not yet fully comprehend the value of cavalry units Few sword masters were to find their way to North America in time for the war and the typical American musket was a fair hunting weapon rather than a military one Even the foot soldier knew little of European military discipline All of this helps explain why aside from George Washington many Americans are likely able to name just as many foreign generals on the rebel side as American generals While names like Lafayette Pulaski Kosciuszko and Baron von Steuben are quickly associated with the Revolution American officers like Nathanael Greene Anthony Wayne Horatio Gates Henry Knox and Light Horse Harry Lee are often overlooked Over 200 years later Lee is best remembered not for his military or political service but for being Robert E Lee's father and all the attendant controversy that comes with his son's legacy This is unfortunate given that he was one of the most distinguished individuals of the age With the exception of George Washington perhaps the most famous general in American history is Light Horse Harry's son despite the fact Robert E Lee led the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia against the Union in the Civil War Lee was imbued with a strong sense of honor and duty from the beginning and as a top graduate of West Point Lee had distinguished himself so well before the Civil War that President Lincoln asked him to command the entire Union Army Lee famously declined serving his home state of Virginia instead after it seceded Lee is remembered today for constantly defeating the Union's Army of the Potomac in the Eastern theater from 1862-1865 considerably frustrating Lincoln and his generals His leadership of his army led to him being deified after the war by some of his former subordinates especially Virginians and he came to personify the Lost Cause's ideal Southern soldier His reputation was secured in the decades after the war as a general who brilliantly led his men to amazing victories against all odds

Pickett's Charge and Missionary Ridge Charles River Editors, 2025-05-01 Despite the fact that the Civil War began over 150 years ago it remains one of the most widely discussed topics in America today with Americans arguing over its causes reenacting its famous battles and debating which general was better than others Americans continue to be fascinated by the Civil War icons who made the difference between victory and defeat in the war's great battles The most famous attack of the Civil War was also one of its most fateful and fatal Pickett's Charge the climactic assault on the final day of the Battle of Gettysburg has become the American version of the Charge of the Light Brigade and it is one of the most famous events of the entire Civil War Having been unable to break the Army of the Potomac's lines on the left and right flank during Day 2 of the Battle of Gettysburg Confederate Army of Northern Virginia commander Robert E Lee decided to make a thrust at the center of the Union's line with about 15,000 men spread out over three divisions The charge required marching across an open field for about a mile with the Union artillery holding high ground on all sides of the incoming Confederates Though it is now known as Pickett's Charge named after division commander George Pickett the

assignment for the charge was given to General James Longstreet whose 1st Corps included Pickett's division. Longstreet had serious misgivings about Lee's plan and tried futilely to talk him out of it. Longstreet later wrote that he said to his commander General Lee: "I have been a soldier all my life. It is my opinion that no fifteen thousand men ever arrayed for battle can take that position." Aware of the insanity of sending 15,000 men hurtling into all the Union artillery, Lee planned to use the Confederate artillery to try to knock out the Union artillery ahead of time. Although old friend William Pendleton was the artillery chief, the artillery cannonade would be supervised by Edward Porter Alexander, Longstreet's chief artillerist, who would have to give the go-ahead to the charging infantry because they were falling under Longstreet's command. Alexander later noted that Longstreet was so disturbed and dejected about ordering the attack that at one point he tried to make Alexander order the infantry forward, essentially doing Longstreet's dirty work for him. Although the Chattanooga Campaign was months long and involved several battles, it has become mostly remembered for the Battle of Missionary Ridge, one of the most remarkable and successful charges of the war. As Thomas's men reached the base of the Missionary Ridge, they found that it had not afforded them protection from the Confederate defenders in their front. As a result, they began making impromptu charges up the hill in defiance of Grant's orders, since Grant had only ordered them to take the rifle pits at the base of Missionary Ridge and believed that a frontal assault on that position would be futile and fatal. As the Union soldiers stormed ahead, General Grant caught the advance from a distance and asked General Thomas why he had ordered the attack. Thomas informed Grant that he hadn't; his army had taken it upon itself to charge up the entire ridge. To the amazement of everyone watching, the Union soldiers scrambled up Missionary Ridge in a series of uncoordinated and disorganized attacks that somehow managed to send the Confederates into a rout, thereby lifting the siege on Chattanooga. While Pickett's Charge is still the most famous attack of the war, it was one unsuccessful charge; the Army of the Cumberland made over a dozen charges up Missionary Ridge and ultimately succeeded.

The Battle of Gettysburg Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02

The names of history's most famous battles still ring in our ears today; their influence is immediately understood by all. Marathon lent its name to the world's most famous race, but it also preserved Western civilization during the First Persian War. Saratoga won by one of the colonists' most renowned war heroes before he became his nation's most vile traitor. Hastings ensured the Normans' success in England and changed the course of British history. Waterloo, which marked the reshaping of the European continent and Napoleon's doom, has now become part of the English lexicon. In Charles River Editors' Greatest Battles in History series, readers can get caught up to speed on history's greatest battles in the time it takes to finish a commute while learning interesting facts, long forgotten or never known. Without question, the most famous battle of the American Civil War took place outside of the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which happened to be a transportation hub serving as the center of a wheel with several roads leading out to other Pennsylvanian towns. From July 1-3, Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia tried everything in its power to decisively defeat George Meade's Union Army of the

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Lincoln's Censor David W. Bulla,Justyna Sempruch,2008 Lincoln s Censor examines the effect of government suppression on the Democratic press in Indiana during the spring of 1863 President Abraham Lincoln who suspended the writ of habeas corpus in 1862 claiming presidential prerogatives given by the Constitution at times of invasion or rebellion had some political misgivings about the intimidation of Democratic newspapers but let the practice continue in Indiana from April through June of 1863

Pickett's Charge Charles River Editors,2025-05-02 Despite the fact that the Civil War began over 150 years ago it remains one of the most widely discussed topics in America today with Americans arguing over its causes reenacting its famous battles and debating which general was better than others Americans continue to be fascinated by the Civil War icons who made the difference between victory and defeat in the war s great battles The most famous attack of the Civil War was also one of its most fateful and fatal Pickett s Charge the climactic assault on the final day of the Battle of Gettysburg has become the American version of the Charge of the Light Brigade and it is one of the most famous events of the entire Civil War Having been unable to break the Army of the Potomac s lines on the left and right flank during Day 2 of the Battle of Gettysburg Confederate Army of Northern Virginia commander Robert E Lee decided to make a thrust at the center of the Union s line with about 15 000 men spread out over three divisions The charge required marching across an open field for about a mile with the Union artillery holding high ground on all sides of the incoming Confederates Though it is now known as Pickett s Charge named after division commander George Pickett the assignment for the charge was given to General James Longstreet whose 1st Corps included Pickett s division Longstreet had serious misgivings about Lee s plan

and tried futilely to talk him out of it Longstreet later wrote that he said to his commander General Lee I have been a soldier all my life It is my opinion that no fifteen thousand men ever arrayed for battle can take that position Aware of the insanity of sending 15 000 men hurtling into all the Union artillery Lee planned to use the Confederate artillery to try to knock out the Union artillery ahead of time Although old friend William Pendleton was the artillery chief the artillery cannonade would be supervised by Edward Porter Alexander Longstreet s chief artillerist who would have to give the go ahead to the charging infantry because they were falling under Longstreet s command Alexander later noted that Longstreet was so disturbed and dejected about ordering the attack that at one point he tried to make Alexander order the infantry forward essentially doing Longstreet s dirty work for him Unfortunately for Porter Alexander and the Confederates the sheer number of cannons belched so much smoke that they had trouble gauging how effective the shells were As it turned out most of the artillery was overshooting the target landing in the rear of the Union line Reluctant to order the charge Longstreet commanded Porter Alexander to order the timing for the charge As Longstreet and Alexander anticipated the charge was an utter disaster incurring a nearly 50% casualty rate and failing to break the Union line Pickett s Charge The History and Legacy of the Civil War s Most Famous Assault profiles the history context and command decisions that all culminated in the most famous charge in American history It also includes analysis of what went right and wrong as well as what the major participants wrote about the charge Along with maps and pictures of important people and places you will learn about Pickett s Charge like you never have before in no time at all The Civil War Turning Points in the East Charles River Editors, 2025-05-02

The bloodiest day in American history took place on the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution On September 17 1862 Robert E Lee s Confederate Army of Northern Virginia fought George McClellan s Union Army of the Potomac outside Sharpsburg along Antietam Creek That day nearly 25 000 would become casualties and Lee s army would barely survive fighting the much bigger Northern army Although the battle was tactically a draw it resulted in forcing Lee s army out of Maryland and back into Virginia making it a strategic victory for the North and an opportune time for President Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves in the rebellious states For those reasons Antietam is remembered as one of the major turning points of the Civil War but it is often overlooked that the bloody battle only represented the climactic culmination of a 3 week campaign that saw George McClellan cautiously pull a fragmented Union army together and begin tracking Lee s army into Maryland Sizing up McClellan Lee had split his army up during its invasion including sending Stonewall Jackson s men to Harpers Ferry but the whole course of the campaign and possibly the war changed when the Union Army somehow found a copy of Lee s marching orders telling them where the Confederate army would be and when To Lee s surprise McClellan s army began advancing far more rapidly including attacking them at South Mountain before cornering them along Antietam Creek outside of Sharpsburg Without question the most famous battle of the American Civil War took place outside of the small town of Gettysburg Pennsylvania which happened to be a transportation

hub serving as the center of a wheel with several roads leading out to other Pennsylvanian towns From July 1-3 Robert E Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia tried everything in its power to decisively defeat George Meade's Union Army of the Potomac unleashing ferocious assaults that inflicted nearly 50,000 casualties in all Day 1 of the battle would have been one of the 25 biggest battles of the Civil War itself and it ended with a tactical Confederate victory But over the next two days Lee would try and fail to dislodge the Union army with attacks on both of its flanks during the second day and Pickett's Charge on the third and final day Meade's stout defense held barely repulsing each attempted assault handing the Union a desperately needed victory that ended up being one of the Civil War's turning points After the South had lost the war the importance of Gettysburg as one of the high tide marks of the Confederacy became apparent to everyone making the battle all the more important in the years after it had been fought While former Confederate generals cast about for scapegoats with various officers pointing fingers at Robert E Lee James Longstreet and James Stuart historians and avid Civil War fans became obsessed with studying and analyzing all the command decisions and army movements during the entire campaign Despite the saturation of coverage Americans refuse to grow tired of visiting the battlefield and reliving the biggest battle fought in North America The Civil War Turning Points in the East comprehensively covers the entire Pennsylvania campaign analyzes the decisions made by the battles' most important leaders and explains the aftermath of the Union victory and the legacies that were made and tarnished by the battles Along with bibliographies maps of the battles and pictures of important people and places you will learn about the battles like you never have before Princeton Alumni Weekly, 1998 Battle of Gettysburg Tom Streissguth, 2016-08-15 This title presents the details of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War including strategies casualties and the wider implications of the Union victory Gripping narrative text historic photographs and primary sources make the book perfect for report writing Features include a glossary additional resources source notes and an index plus a timeline and essential facts Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing a division of ABDO

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