

# ***Great Battles for Boys: The Civil War***

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## **Student Worksheet**

### **Beginnings**

1. What was the goal of the abolitionists?
2. When did Abraham Lincoln become President?
3. What does it mean for a state to secede from the United States?
4. What was the difference between the U.S. Constitution and the Confederate Constitution?

### **The Battle of Fort Sumter**

1. Who was the first president of the Confederate States of America?
2. Where was Fort Sumter?
3. Who worked for the North but was sending arms and ammunition to the South?
4. When did the Union surrender Fort Sumter to the Confederate States of America?

### **The First Battle of Bull Run**

1. Who did Lincoln appoint to command the Army of Northeastern Virginia?
2. What is the name of the Southern spy who sent coded messages to General Beauregard?
3. Which side won the First Battle of Bull Run?
4. Who was given the nickname "Stonewall"?

### **Battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson**

1. When was Fort Henry surrendered to the Union?
2. Who did Albert Sydney Johnston appoint as commander of Fort Donelson?
3. What does "unconditional surrender" mean?
4. When was Fort Donelson surrendered to the Union?
5. Who became the leader of the group the Ku Klux Klan?

### **Battle of Shiloh**

1. Why did General Johnston form a base in Corinth, Mississippi?

2. What does Shiloh mean in Hebrew?
3. Who was the highest-ranking officer killed during the Civil War?

### **Battle of the Ironclads**

1. What are ironclads?
2. What is the name of the ironclad the Confederacy built?
3. Who built the ironclad the USS *Monitor*?

### **Capture of New Orleans**

1. What are logistics?
2. What was General Lovell's major problem when defending New Orleans?
3. Who enlisted in the U.S. Army when he was only nine?

### **The Seven Days Battles**

1. How did the Confederates make General McClellan think they were a larger army?

2. When did the Union blow up the *Merrimack*?

3. Which side won the battle at Gaines Mill?

### **The Second Battle of Bull Run**

1. How did General John Pope get out of the fight at Bull Run?

2. Which side won the Second Battle of Bull Run?

3. What was General Lee's main objective?

### **The Battle of Antietam**

1. Why were Britain and France delaying helping the South?

2. What was the Irish Brigade?

3. How did the Battle of Antietam end?

### **The Battle of Perryville**

1. When was the Battle of Perryville?

2. Who was the commander of the Confederate army?

3. Who was the commander of the Union army?

### **The Battle of Chancellorsville**

1. Who did Lincoln appoint as new commander for the Army of the Potomac?

2. What was General Hooker's objective?

3. When did Stonewall Jackson die?

### **Gettysburg**

1. Who delivered the Gettysburg Address?

2. When was the Battle of Gettysburg?

3. What was the National Conscription Act?

### **The Battle of Vicksburg**

1. Who was named commander of the Army of Tennessee?

2. What sickness broke out among General Grant's men?
3. When did General Pemberton surrender Vicksburg to General Grant?

### **Spies of the Civil War**

1. Which spy was a master of hot air balloons?
2. Which spy escaped imprisonment several times with his disguises?
3. How did Elizabeth Van Lew smuggle messages out of Richmond?
4. What is the Secret Service?

### **The Second Battle of Sabine Pass**

1. About how many men were stationed at Fort Griffin?
2. When was the Second Battle of Sabine Pass?
3. Which side controlled Fort Griffin?

## **The Battle of Chickamauga-Chattanooga**

1. What were both the Union and the Confederates fighting to control in Chattanooga?
2. Who was the commander of the Union army?
3. Who was the commander of the Confederate army?
4. Who was given the nickname "Rock of Chickamauga" for staying on the battlefield even while his commander fled?

## **The Battle of the Wilderness**

1. What two military leaders clashed on the Battlefield in the Wilderness?
2. Who had the largest army?
3. How did The Battle of the Wilderness end?

## **The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse**

1. Whose army was first to reach Spotsylvania Courthouse?

2. What brand-new tactic did the Union use to break through the Confederate lines?
3. Who was first to withdraw from the battle?

### **Cold Harbor**

1. What was the biggest problem during the fighting of Cold Harbor?
2. Who was co-leading with General Grant?
3. Who won the Battle of Cold Harbor?

### **Petersburg: The Battle of the Crater**

1. What was General Ambrose Burnside's new strategy?
2. Which side won the Battle of the Crater?

### **Sherman's March to the Sea**

1. What does "scorched earth" mean in military terms?



2. Who did General Sherman choose as his special escort force?

3. Where was Sherman marching to?

### **Appomattox**

1. What did General Grant want General Lee to surrender?

2. Where did the two generals meet to discuss surrender?

3. When and how did Abraham Lincoln die?

### **Reconstruction**

1. When did the Civil War officially end?

2. Who developed plans for the Reconstruction of the South?

3. Who became president and what happened to the country under him?

4. What was one positive result of the Civil War?

## In Your Own Words

What did you learn from the battles of the Civil War?

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