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## Key Civil War Battles



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- **Explain what the Union gained by capturing Vicksburg.**
- **Describe the importance of the Battle of Gettysburg.**
- **Analyze how the Union pressed its military advantage after 1863.**

# Siege at Vicksburg

The main goal remained the same, the Union needed to control the Mississippi River

They sought to capture the Vicksburg Fortress, but it was heavily guarded & was in a rough location

Grant devises a plan to capture Jackson Mississippi & then turns to Vicksburg & attempt a **siege**.

**Siege-** Military tactic where a city is surrounded, bombarded, & cut off from supplies.

It succeeds & the Union splits the Confederacy in two.



# Gettysburg

**Lee & Stonewall Jackson defeat the Union armies, but Jackson dies at the Battle of Chancellorsville.**

**Lee decides to turn his attention North & press up into Pennsylvania.**

**Confederates head into Gettysburg to seize footwear but run into a Union Calvary.**

**For the next 3 days the Battle of Gettysburg begins**

# Battle of Gettysburg

**The first day of the battle saw success for the Confederacy, but at night the Union gained reinforcements**

**The Union army dug into the hillside & took the high ground**

**General George Pickett marches towards the ridge & they are destroyed.**

**50,000 were killed & General Lee loses a 3<sup>rd</sup> of his army, forcing him a crushing defeat & retreat**

**Lincoln issues the Gettysburg Address & described the war as means to prove that “All men are created equal”**

# Union's Total War

**General Grant sets his sights on Richmond & sets out to take the Confederate Capital**

**He issues **total war**, striking civilian AND military targets to weaken the enemy, & economy.**

**General Tecumseh Sherman begins his march to the sea, destroying anything of value.**

**Lincoln wins reelection, destroying the Confederate hope that the North would negotiate**