

1863 - 1864

Bigger Battles – High Casualties

1864 Election

In 1864, what was the name of the political party Lincoln ran under?

McClellan is dismissed

The election of 1862 keeps the Republican  
Party in control of Congress

The Union's objects of dividing the south  
have not been completed

The CSA still hopes for recognition from  
England and France

# After a Year and Half of War

Vicksburg is still holding the Mississippi

Chattanooga rail junction is the other key for CSA

Union is winning the battles in western theatre

CSA is winning most of the battles in east

No foreign recognition of the CSA

Republican Party holds both houses after election

AOP badly defeated at Fredericksburg

Southern economy in shambles

CSA Army –high morale

Union Army – low morale

Most of the south is still intact –  
industry is ramping up

# The Emancipation Proclamation is now force

After Fredericksburg, Joe Hooker is placed in command of the Army of the Potomac. He brags that he will whip Robert E. Lee.

“The hen is the wisest of all the animals, because she never cackles until the egg is laid.” Lincoln said of Hooker

# Chancellorsville

Lee's most brilliant victory – outmaneuvered Hooker  
– Lee repeatedly divided his forces

Stonewall Jackson killed

The Confederates suffered 13,000 casualties (22% of their forces) – The Union 17,000 (15% of their forces).

Real cost: over confidence of Lee

# Ulysses S. Grant

Hiram Ulysses Grant

He said the Mexican War was “wicked.” He fought bravely as a regimental quartermaster, at one point riding through enemy fire (likened it to "a hailstorm") to bring ammunition to his men.

Had many failures in his career before rejoining the Army

Cunning and ruthless in war

Almost never doubting or second guessing himself.



Illinois Governor appointed him as a colonel  
of a volunteer regiment-the worst in Illinois

He triumphed in a little battle at Belmont,  
Missouri, then Fort Henry,

Then a magnificent big victory Fort Donelson,  
all while other Federal generals were being  
thrashed, one after another.

Grant was promoted to Brigadier General and  
became a Northern hero.

# Shiloh

His army was caught by surprise at Shiloh in 1862 and suffered tearful losses before he prevailed and won,

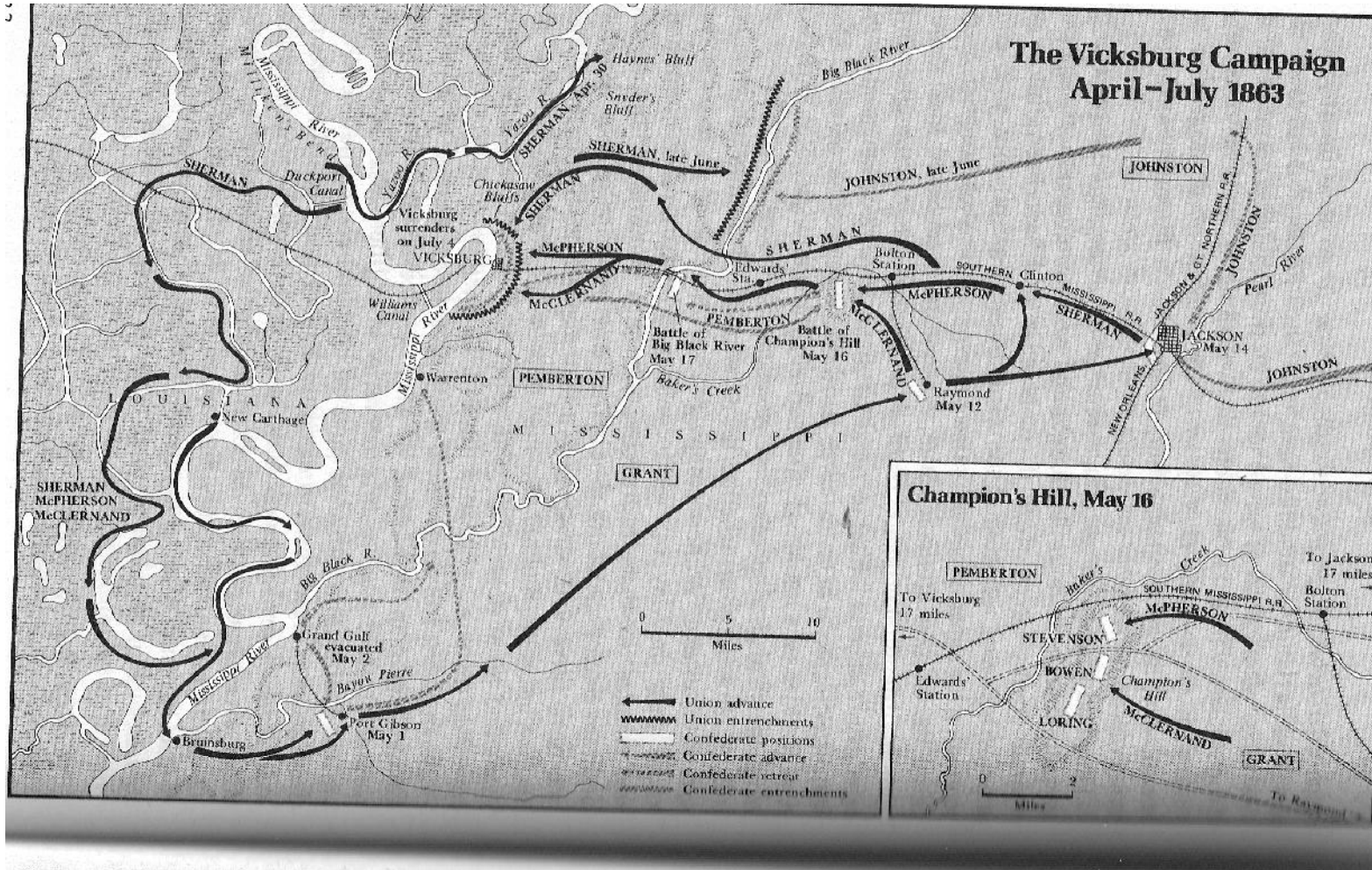
Grant was ignominiously labeled a ""drunk" and branded an "incompetent."

"General Grant. ... is a jackass in the original package. He is a poor drunken imbecile."

The press clamored for Grant's head.

"I can't spare this man, he fights" – Lincoln

# Vicksburg



Vicksburg lived in hope of rescue by Johnston –

“Davis can’t intend to sacrifice us”

Davis had no more reinforcements to send

Lee needed every soldier in Virginia for his  
impending invasion of Pennsylvania

Lee’s commitment to Davis and other senior  
Confederacy Leaders

The Union ultimately won the war by victories in the  
West

The Confederacy more than once came close to  
winning it in the East

In the Spring of 1863 Lee has scored his greatest  
victory

The summer was his greatest failure.

# Gettysburg

July 1, 1863

Meade has taken control of the Army of the Potomac

J.E.B. Stuart is elsewhere

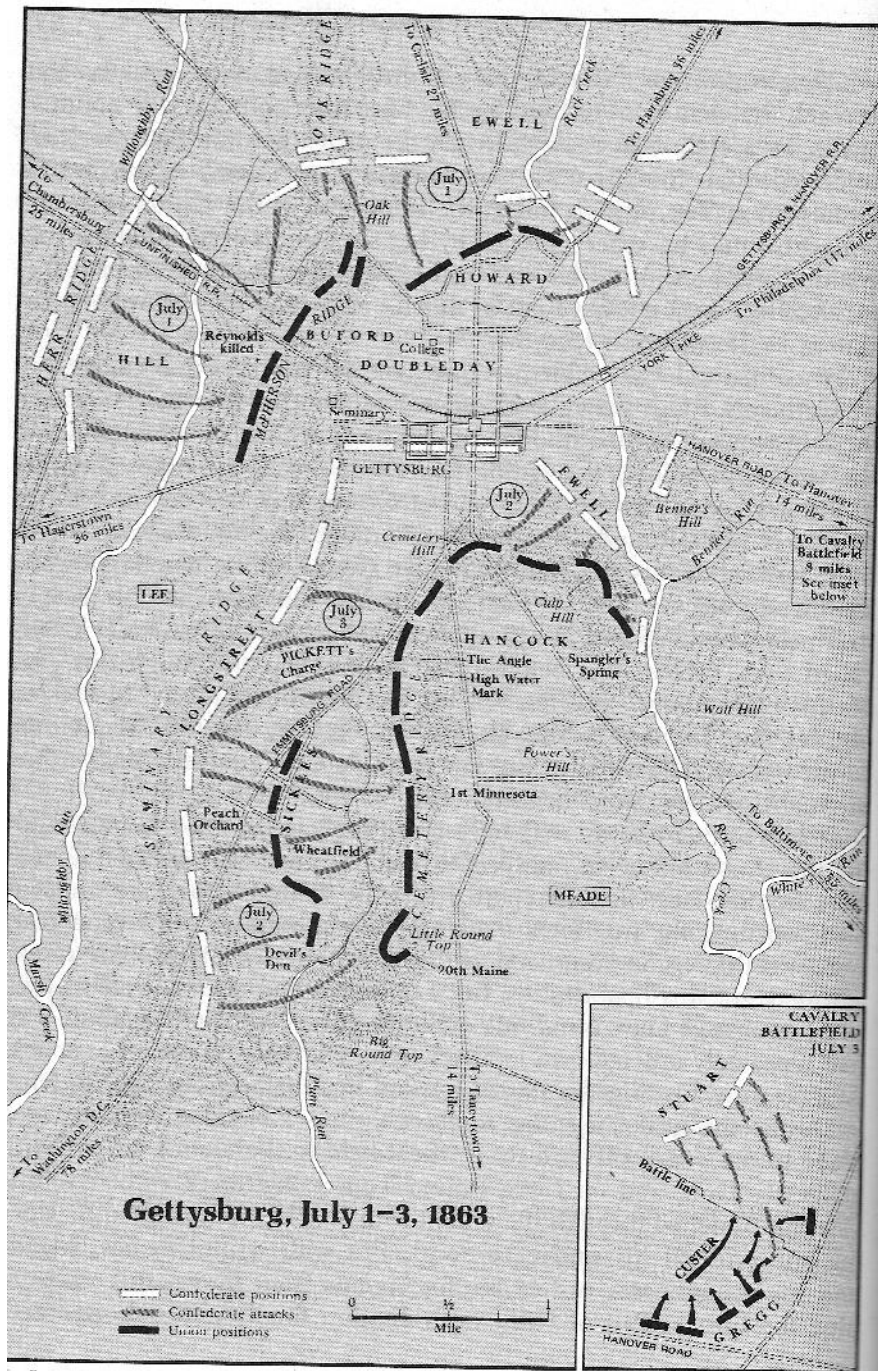
Chance encounter at a crossroads

Buford's Cavalry

Union and CSA amass troops

Union has high ground – superior defensive position

Longstreet's advice ignored



July 2, 1863

Little Round Top

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

Attach Fails

Lee's blunder





July 3, 1863

Lee's intransigence

Longstreet didn't want to look

Artillery barrage

Pickett's Charge

"Fredericksburg"

Retreat

History rewrite - blame Longstreet

July 4, 1863

Vicksburg surrenders

Lee does not retreat immediately

# The Grey Fox Escapes

Meade is cautious or fooled

Lincoln is desperate for an advance

The heavy rains have delayed Lee

Potomac is swollen

Once again, Lincoln hears from a Union  
General that the Confederate Army has  
been removed from United States land

# Aftermath

the results of this victory are: priceless. The charm of Robert Lee's invincibility is broken. The Army of the Potomac has at last found general that can handle it. And has stood nobly up to its terrible work inspire of its long disheartening list of hard fought failure

George Templeton Strong

Events have succeeded one another with disastrous rapidity. One brief month ago we were apparently at the point of success. Lee \\ as in Pennsylvania. threatening Harrisburgh [*sic*]. and even Philadelphia. Vicksburgh [*sic*] seemed to laugh at Grant's efforts to scorn Port Hudson had beaten off Banks' force Now the picture is just as sombre [*sic*] as it was bright then. ..It seems incredible that human power could effect I such a change in so brief a space. Yesterday we rode on the pinnacle of success-today absolute ruin seems to be our portion. The Confederacy totters to its destruction.

Chief of CSA Ordinance

# Massachusetts 54<sup>th</sup>

A minor raid along a South Carolina river in January 1863.

“Nobody knows anything about these men who has not seen them in battle,” wrote Higginson leader of the raid

Gov. Andrew (Mass) enlisted enough men to form two regiments, the 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> of Mass.

The attack on Battery (Fort) Wagner was a failure but the men fought well with bravery.

180,000 black soldiers were now ready for combat

In the four months after Gettysburg. Prices jumped nearly 70 percent. “Yesterday flour sold at auction at \$100 per barrel: today it sells for \$120.” wrote a resident of Richmond in November

"A genteel suit of clothes cannot be had now for less than \$700. ..

"Every night robberies of poultry. salt meats, and even of cows and hogs are occurring

"the irretrievable bankruptcy of the national finances. the tenacity with which the President holds to men in whom the country has lost all confidence, the scarcity of means or support ...' are producing deep disgust---I have never actually despaired of the cause, priceless. holy as it is, but my faith... is yielding to a sense of hopelessness.”

# 1864

Bloodiest year of the war

Grant - Lieutenant General (last held by  
George Washington)

Sherman takes over the western armies

Meade remained in charge of his army

Phil Sheridan came east to take over its  
cavalry

Union's three best generals-Grant, Sherman,  
and Sheridan and they are ready to fight



# Southern Strategy

Southern armies could hold out until  
the election

Whether Lincoln “shall ever be  
elected or not depends upon the  
battle-fields of 1864,... If the tyrant  
in Washington is defeated, his  
infamous policy will be defeated  
with him.”            Georgia Newspaper

"if we can only subsist "" giving an opportunity for the Democrats to elect a President...we may have peace."

“If we can break up the enemy's arrangements early. and throw him back he will not be able to recover his position or his morale until the Presidential election is over. and then we shall have a next' President to treat with." Longstreet

Grant was well aware these southern hopes,  
He intended to crush rebel armies and end  
the war before November

According to observers in Washington who  
saw Grant for the first time, nevertheless  
possessed "a clear blue eye...an expression  
as if he had determined to drive his head  
through a brick wall,. and was about t to do  
it."

Grant's desire and underestimating Lee led to  
disaster

# May 1864

Sheridan was eager to take on JEB Stuart's fabled troopers,

Raid to cut Lee's communications in the rear

Sheridan took 10,000 horsemen with no attempt at deception, challenging Stuart to attack

Stuart chased the Yankees with only half of his men

Outnumbering Stuart two to one. and with rapid-fire carbines. the blue troopers rolled over the once-invincible southern cavalry

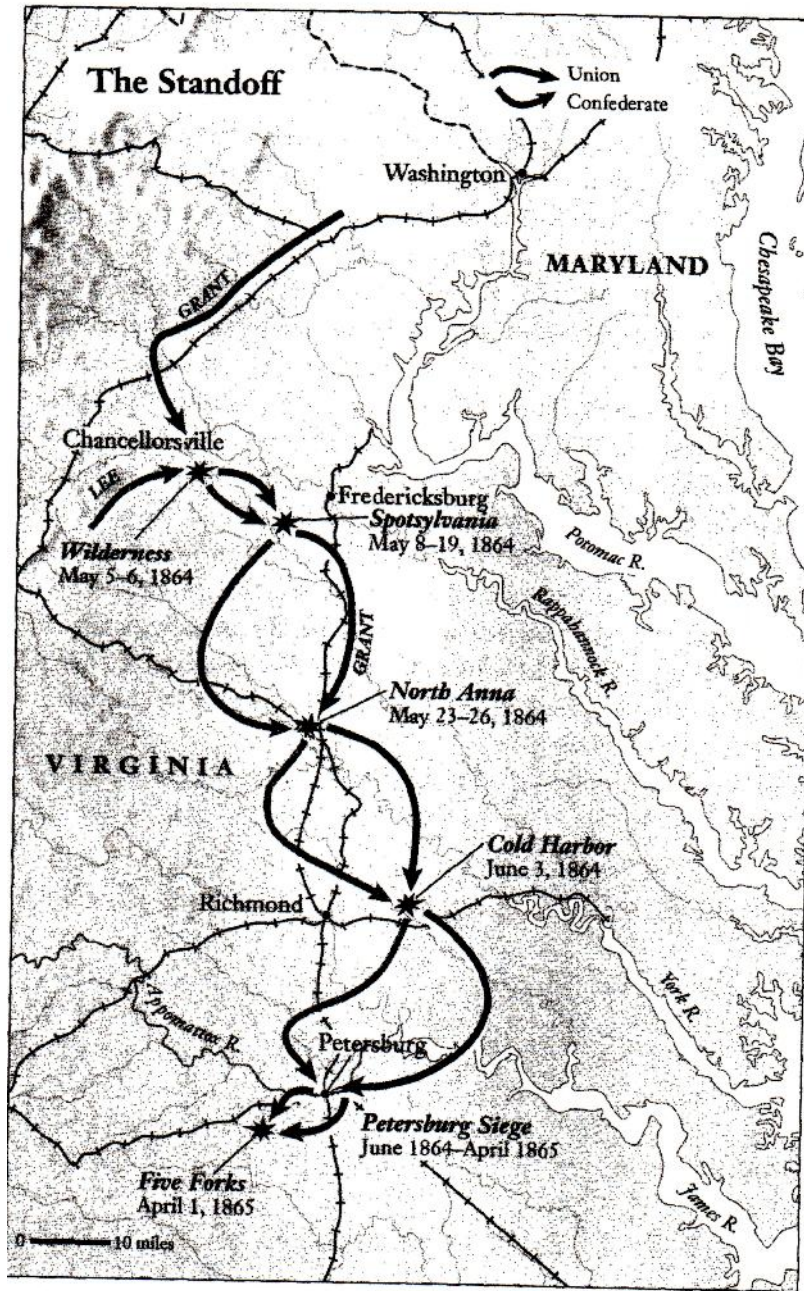
Mortally wounding of Stuart – another blow to Confederate leadership

# Wilderness Campaign

Grant lost more than 50,000 men in 30 days. The Army of the Potomac has lost previous to that month 100,000 over the three previous years

Grant had tried to maneuver Lee into open-field combat, where Union superiority in numbers and firepower could cripple the enemy

Lee had to yield the initiative to an opponent his defensive strategy exacted two enemy casualties for every one of his own. This was a rate of attrition that might stun northern voters into denying Lincoln re-election and ending the war





# Petersburg

Despite its horrendous losses the Army of the Potomac had driven Lee's smaller army eighty miles south

Cut part of Lee's communications with the rest of the South. pinned him down in defense of Richmond and Petersburg

The famed mobility of the Army of Northern Virginia was smothered

"We must destroy this army of Grant's before he gets to the James River. If he gets there it will become a siege. and then it will be a mere question of time."

Lee



But in the short run-three or four months  
time was on the Confederacy's side  
northern presidential election was  
approaching.

Georgia was holding out for time.

At the end of June Joe Johnston and Atlanta  
still stood against Sherman despite an  
eighty-mile penetration by the Yankees  
McClellan nominated for the Democratic  
Party

Lincoln believes he will lose

The Republican convention re-nominates  
Lincoln

The Republicans call themselves National  
Union Party to attract War Democrats  
and southern unionists.

It adopts down-the line Republican Platform  
including endorsement of unremitting war  
to force the "unconditional surrender"  
Confederate armies.

Platform includes passage of a constitutional  
amendment to abolish slavery - which brought the  
delegates to their feet in prolonged cheering.

# Change in the Vice President

Hannibal Hamlin served as Lincoln's first Vice President

From Maine – first state in Northeast to embrace the Republican Party

Hamlin didn't meet Lincoln until after the election

He was strong supporter of the Wilmot Proviso, the Emancipation Proclamation, letting Blacks join the army as soldiers, and was opposed to making Joe Hooker commander of the AOP

**He was not invited to attend Cabinet Meetings**, and he and Mary Todd Lincoln disliked each other

Andrew Johnson – the military governor of occupied Tennessee was named to replace Hamlin as Lincoln's running mate.

Part of the strategy for the National Union Party

Lincoln wanted to broaden his base.

Reconstruction was on Lincoln's agenda

The Confederacy now has hope of a peace settlement with candidate McClellan  
July 17.

Lincoln reiterated the terms of surrender:  
reunion, abolition, and amnesty.

Davis scorned these terms. "Amnesty, sir, applies to criminals. We have committed no crime .... At your door lies all the misery and crime of this war... We are fighting for INDEPENDENCE and that, or extermination, we will have ...

You may 'emancipate' every negro [*sic*] in the Confederacy, but we will be free. We will govern ourselves ... if we have to see every Southern plantation sacked, and every Southern city in flames."

# South's Hopes in Disappear

Atlanta - Sherman September

Farragut's Victory in Mobile Bay

Shenandoah Valley – Sheridan

Cedar Creek

# Psychological Warfare and Ability to Supply their Army

Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley

Sherman's march to the sea - make  
sure that the people of the south  
never again will want war.

“War is cruelty and you cannot  
refine it.”

# Lincoln's Victory

Popular-vote majority of half a million

Electoral count of 212 to 21 – won all the states except Kentucky, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Republicans captured control of the governorships and legislatures of all but those states.

The next Congress would have a Republican majority of three-fourths.

The similarity between the "Union" vote of 1864 and the Republican vote of 1860

The Union Army also decided the outcome in several congressional districts



# What's Left for the CSA?

Davis did not share hopes for the election of McClellan and a negotiated peace. – “We are fighting for existence: and by fighting alone can independence be gained - [ the Confederacy remained] - as erect and defiant as ever. - Nothing has changed in the purpose of its Government. In the indomitable valor of its troops, or in the unquenchable spirit of its people.

President Davis told cheering crowds in Georgia and South Carolina what to expect next. “I see no chance for Sherman to escape from a defeat or a disgraceful retreat. The fate that befell the army of the French Empire in its retreat from Moscow will be re-enacted. Our cavalry and our people will harass and destroy his army, as did the Cossacks that of Napoleon, and the Yankee general like him, will escape with only a bodyguard [that accomplished] ... we must march into Tennessee [where]... we will draw from twenty thousand to thirty thousand to our standard, and push the enemy back to the banks of the Ohio and thus give them the peace party of the North an accretion no puny editorial can give.“

Grant replied, "Who *is* going to supply the snow for this Moscow retreat?"

# Hood in Tennessee

John Bell Hood in defense of Nashville

John Schofield and George Thomas  
outmaneuver and overwhelm Hood

Hood loses 20,000 men