

The American Civil War in the West (Part 1) Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. Of what United States general did President Lincoln say, “I can’t spare this man—he fights?”

- A. Ulysses S. Grant
- B. George B. McClellan
- C. William T. Sherman
- D. Winfield Scott

2. The Western Theater of the American Civil War included what states?

- A. Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia
- B. West Virginia and Ohio
- C. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Florida
- D. Oregon, California, Kansas

3. Forts Henry and Donelson were located near the border of what two states?

- A. Alabama and Georgia
- B. North Carolina and South Carolina
- C. Kentucky and Tennessee
- D. Mississippi and Louisiana

4. Forts Henry and Donelson were located on what two rivers?

- A. Mississippi and Missouri
- B. Chattahoochee and Altamaha
- C. Cumberland and Tennessee
- D. Ohio and Alabama

5. General Grant was able to take Fort Donelson because he accomplished what?

- A. He surrounded the fort with his army, and starved them into surrender after 47 days
- B. Navy shelled the fort from the river, the Army surrounded the fort by land
- C. Grant’s men dug a tunnel underneath the fort and blew it up with explosives
- D. Grant ordered a frontal assault on the fort while the Confederates were sleeping

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6. General Grant demanded what kind of surrender from his opponent at Fort Donelson even though they had been friends in the United States Army before the Civil War?

- A. Partial Surrender (Confederates were able to surrender half their army, the other half was free to leave the fort and not be pursued)
- B. Conditional Surrender (Confederates were able to keep their horses and pistols)
- C. Surrender with military honors (Confederates were able to keep their flags)
- D. Unconditional Surrender (no promises of treatment)

7. At what battle in April, 1862 was General Grant's army surprised when the Confederates attacked?

- A. Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing
- B. Fort Donelson
- C. Chattanooga
- D. Vicksburg

8. Who commanded the Confederate army at the Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing?

- A. Joseph Johnston
- B. Albert Sydney Johnston
- C. Robert E. Lee
- D. Simon Bolivar Buckner

9. The Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburgh Landing occurred along what river?

- A. Ohio
- B. Mississippi
- C. Cumberland
- D. Tennessee

10. What was the nickname given to the well known defensive line for the United States army in the Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing?

- A. Rat Hole
- B. Buzz Saw
- C. Hornet's Nest
- D. Snake Pit

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

What were some strengths and some weaknesses of Confederate States army commanders in the West? Explain fully what plan you would have implemented if you had been a Confederate general in the West during the American Civil War.

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