

The American Civil War's Western Theater (Part 2) Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. What important battle in the West was decided on the day after Gettysburg—July 4, 1863?
 - A. Chattanooga
 - B. Chickamauga
 - C. Shiloh
 - D. Vicksburg

2. Who commanded the United States army during the campaign in question #1?
 - A. William Rosecrans
 - B. Don Carlos Buell
 - C. William T. Sherman
 - D. Ulysses S. Grant

3. At the beginning of the Vicksburg campaign, Ulysses S. Grant, to avoid the swamps around Vicksburg chose to move his men south of the city, cross the Mississippi River, and then move east towards what city?
 - A. Natchez
 - B. Jackson
 - C. Corinth
 - D. Oxford

4. Grant tried to take Vicksburg by a direct assault, but it failed. He then decided on what course of military action?
 - A. Abandon his works and retreat
 - B. Flanking attacks on both ends of the Confederate lines
 - C. The Marines left the Navy ships and climbed the steep bluffs on the Mississippi to attack the Confederate lines
 - D. Siege

5. During the military action in question #4, where were many of the civilians?
 - A. On their porches watching the action
 - B. Women and the children joined the Confederate military to fight the United States
 - C. Caves
 - D. The civilians abandoned the city during the action in question #4

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6. What battle is considered by most historians as the last significant Confederate victory during the Civil War?

- A. Atlanta
- B. Chancellorsville
- C. Chickamauga
- D. Chattanooga

7. Who commanded the Confederate army during the Chattanooga Campaign?

- A. Joseph Johnston
- B. Braxton Bragg
- C. Robert E. Lee
- D. James Longstreet

8. What was the most important reason that the armies of the United States and the Confederate States wanted to control Chattanooga, Tennessee?

- A. Important railroad intersection
- B. It was on the Tennessee River
- C. It was an important road intersection because of a gap in the Appalachian mountains
- D. All of the above

9. Who was the overall commander of the United States army during the Battles for Chattanooga?

- A. George Henry Thomas
- B. William T. Sherman
- C. Joseph Hooker
- D. Ulysses S. Grant

10. What was the final battle for Chattanooga? After this battle the Confederates retreated into Georgia.

- A. Lookout Mountain
- B. Missionary Ridge
- C. Orchard Knob
- D. Wauhatchie

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

What do you think was the most important battle or campaign of the American Civil War in the West? Fully explain the importance of that battle's or campaign's outcome.

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Answers:

1. D. Vicksburg
2. D. Ulysses S. Grant
3. B. Jackson
4. D. Siege
5. C. Caves
6. C. Chickamauga
7. B. Braxton Bragg
8. D. All of the above
9. D. Ulysses S. Grant
10. B. Missionary Ridge